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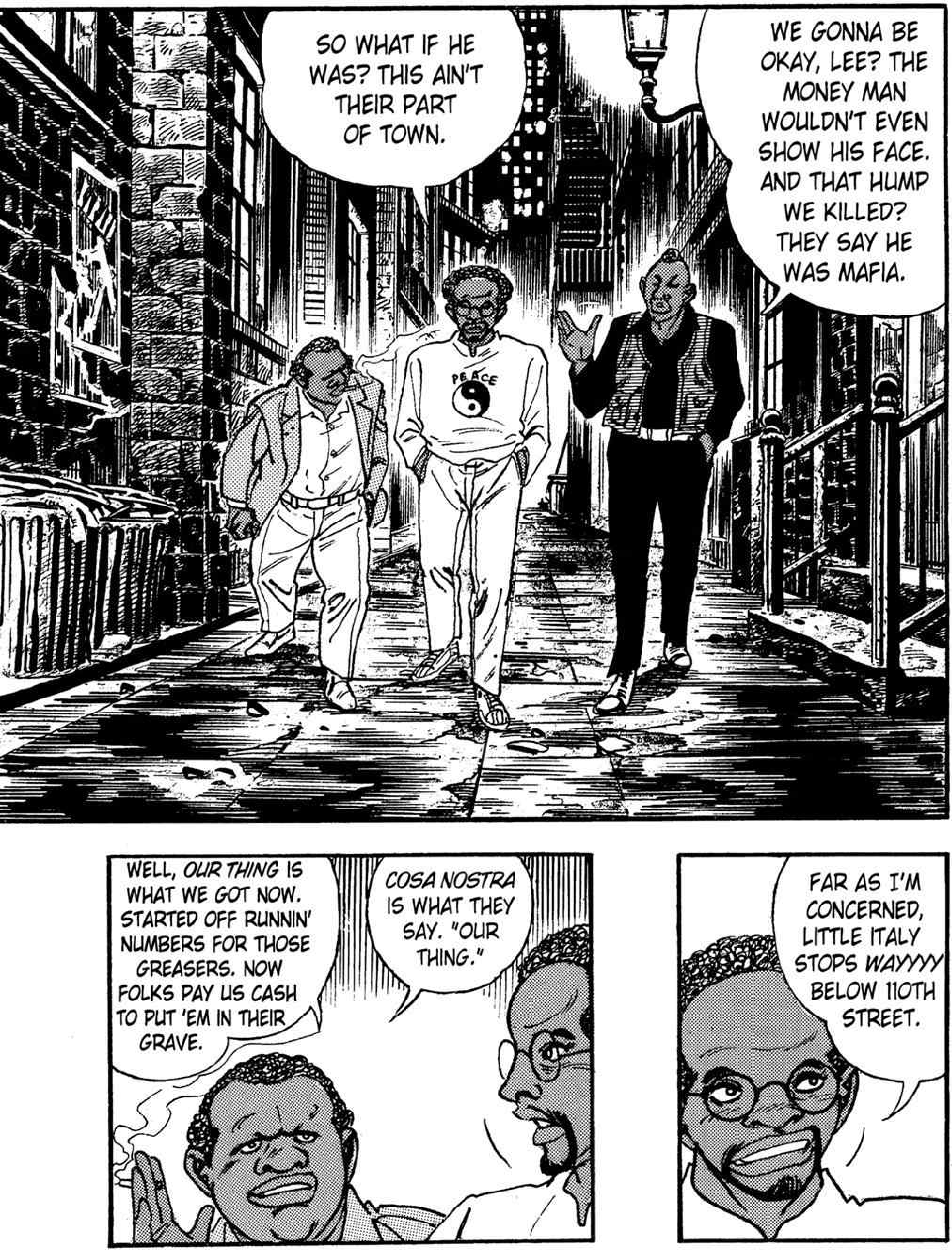
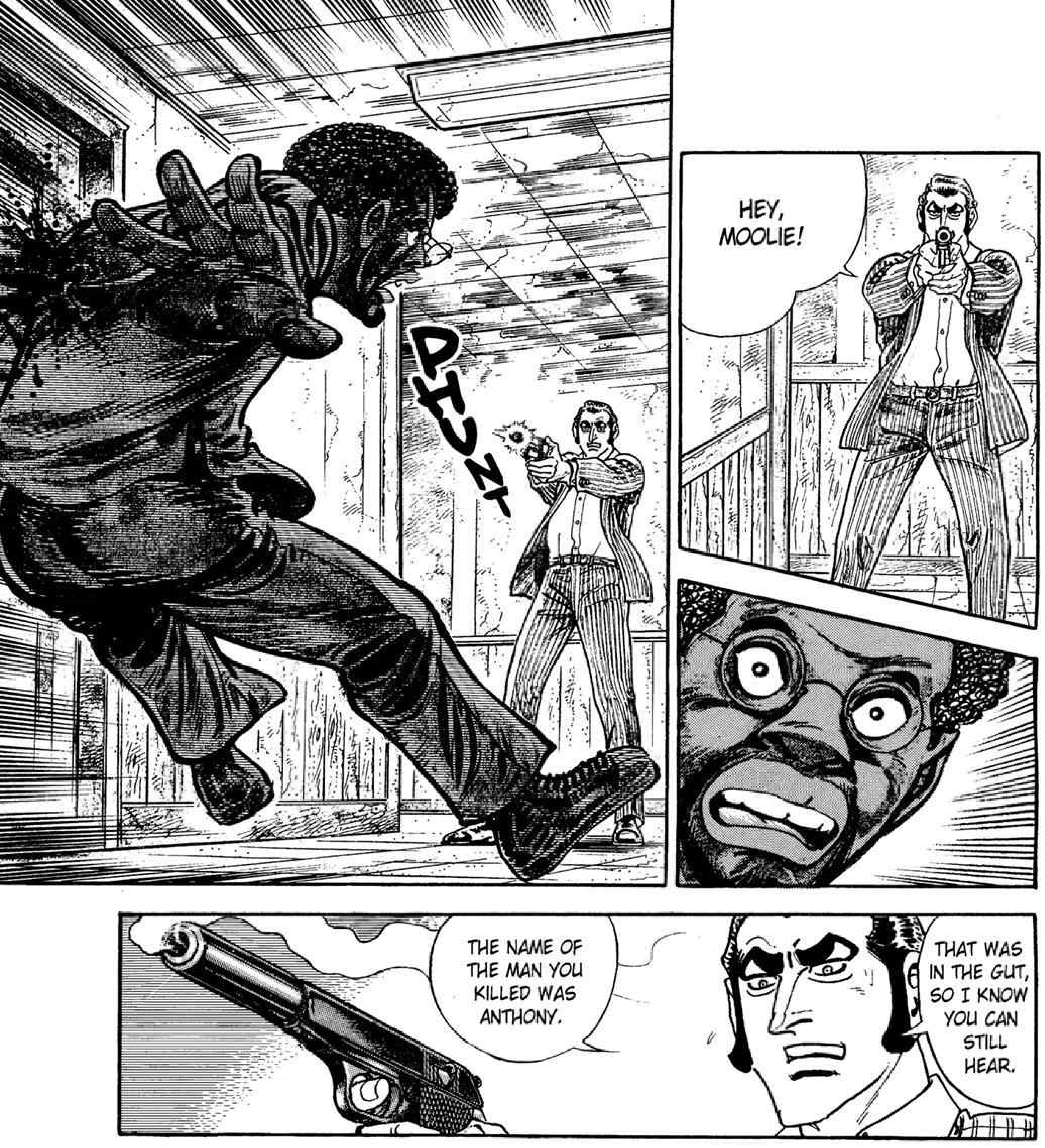
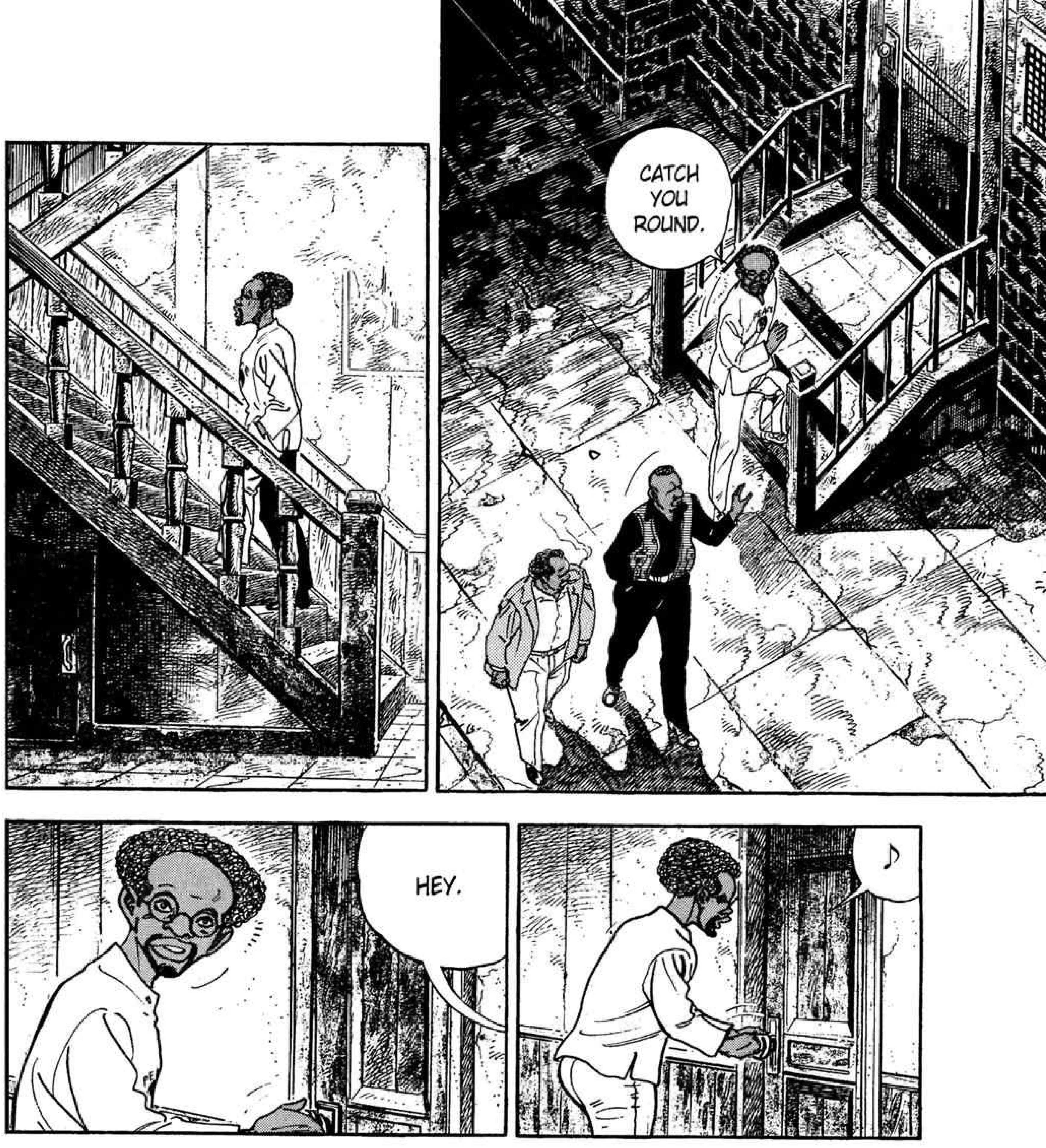

WE GONNA BE OKAY, LEE? THE MONEY MAN WOULDN'T EVEN SHOW HIS FACE. AND THAT HUMP WE KILLED? THEY SAY HE WAS MAFIA.
SO WHAT IF HE WAS? THIS AIN'T THEIR PART OF TOWN.
PEACE
FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, LITTLE ITALY STOPS *WAYYYY* BELOW 110TH STREET.
COSA NOSTRA IS WHAT THEY SAY. "OUR THING."
WELL, *OUR THING* IS WHAT WE GOT NOW. STARTED OFF RUNNIN' NUMBERS FOR THOSE GREASERS. NOW FOLKS PAY US CASH TO PUT 'EM IN THEIR GRAVE.


HEY, MOOLIE!
PHUNT
THAT WAS IN THE GUT, SO I KNOW YOU CAN STILL HEAR.
THE NAME OF THE MAN YOU KILLED WAS ANTHONY.


CATCH YOU ROUND.
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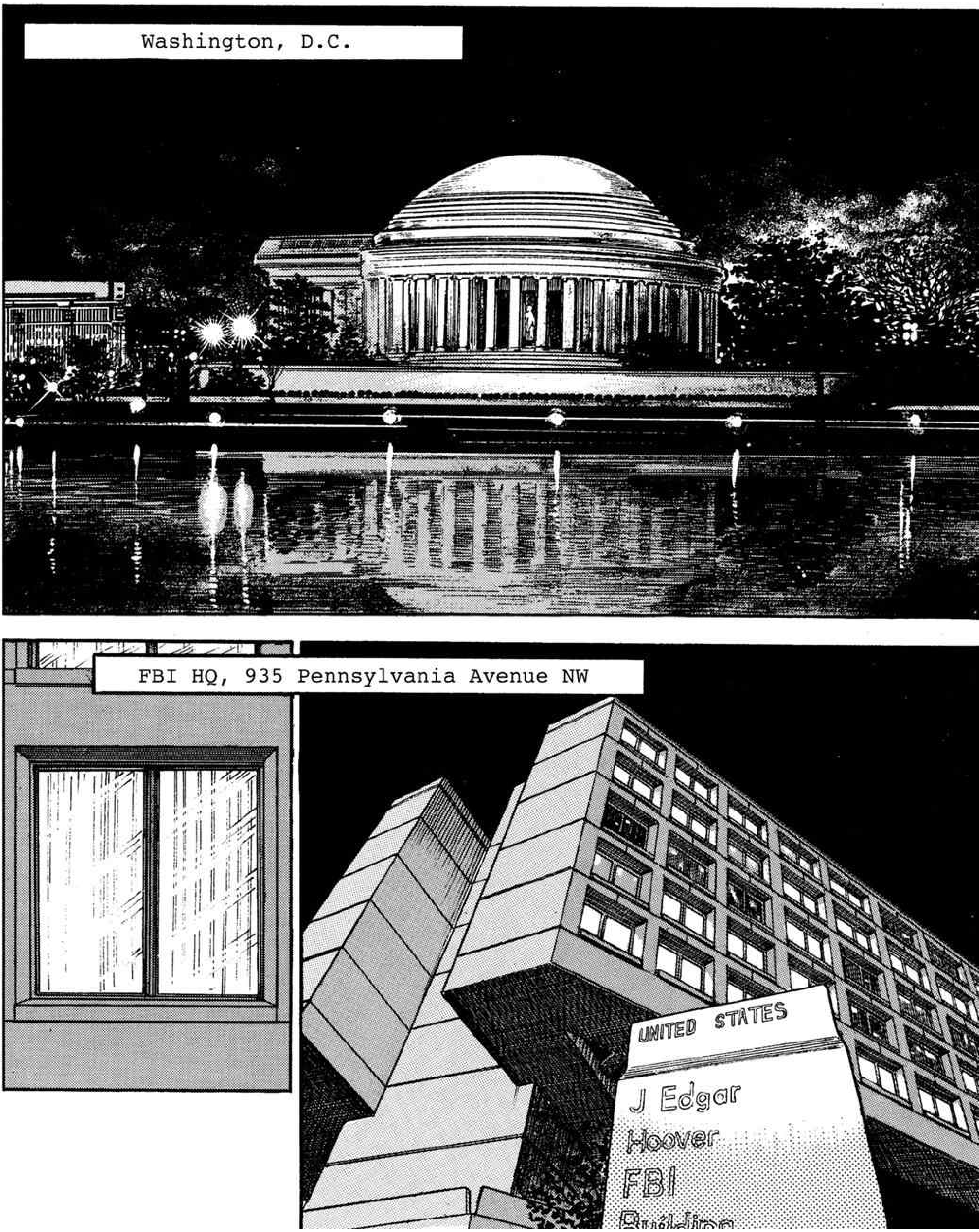
HEY.

WAY OF THE WISEGUY

PART 1 OUR THING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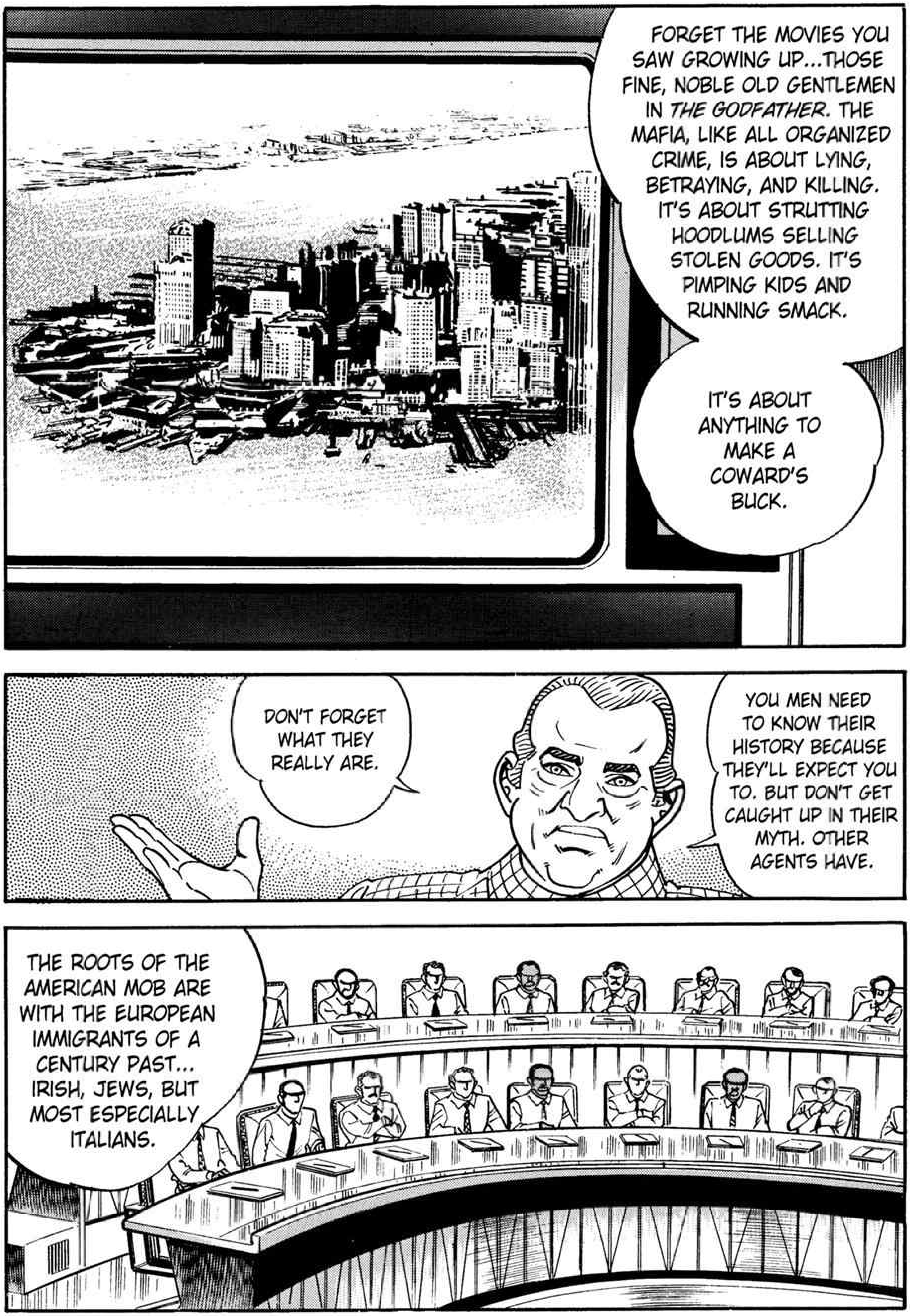
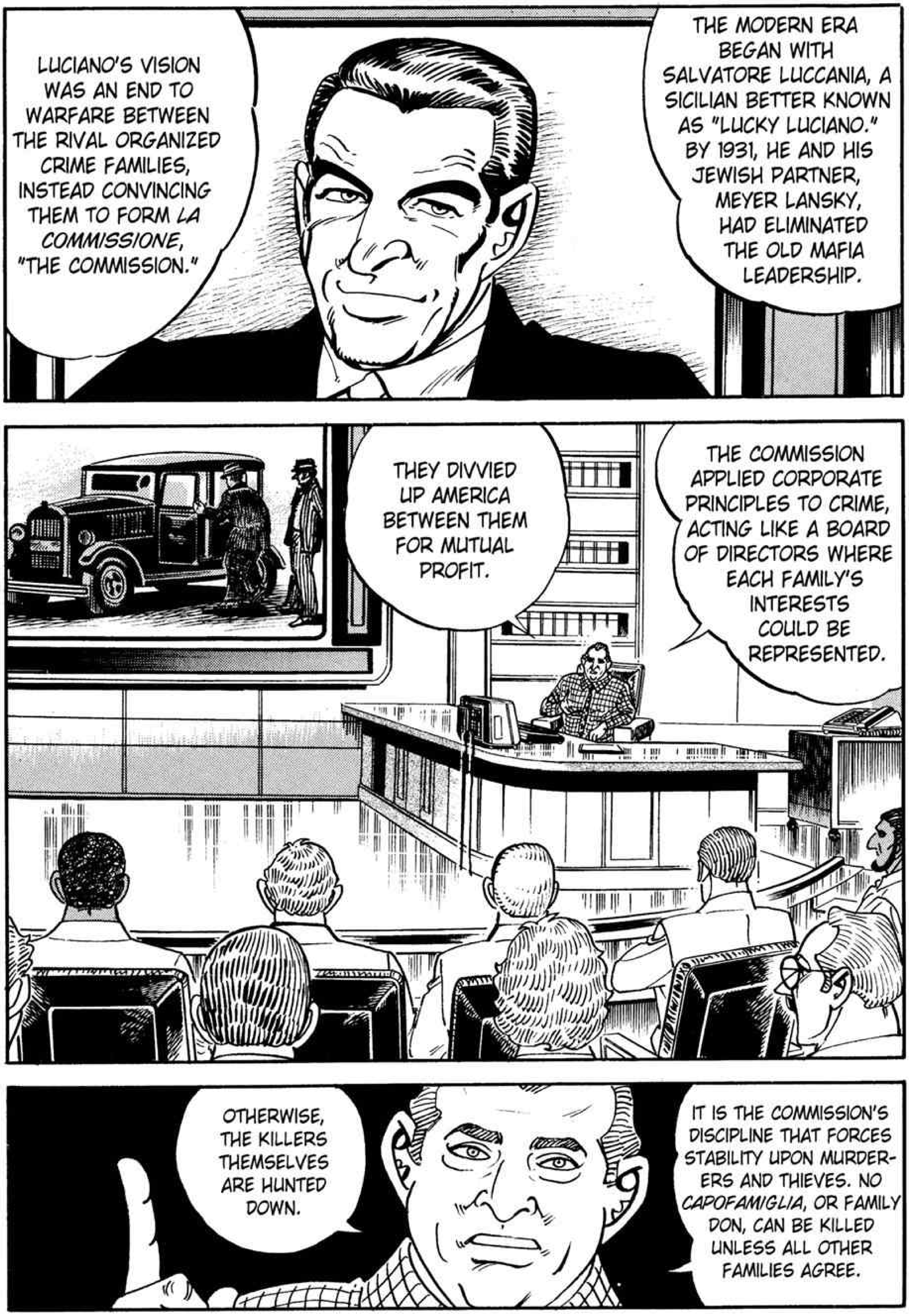
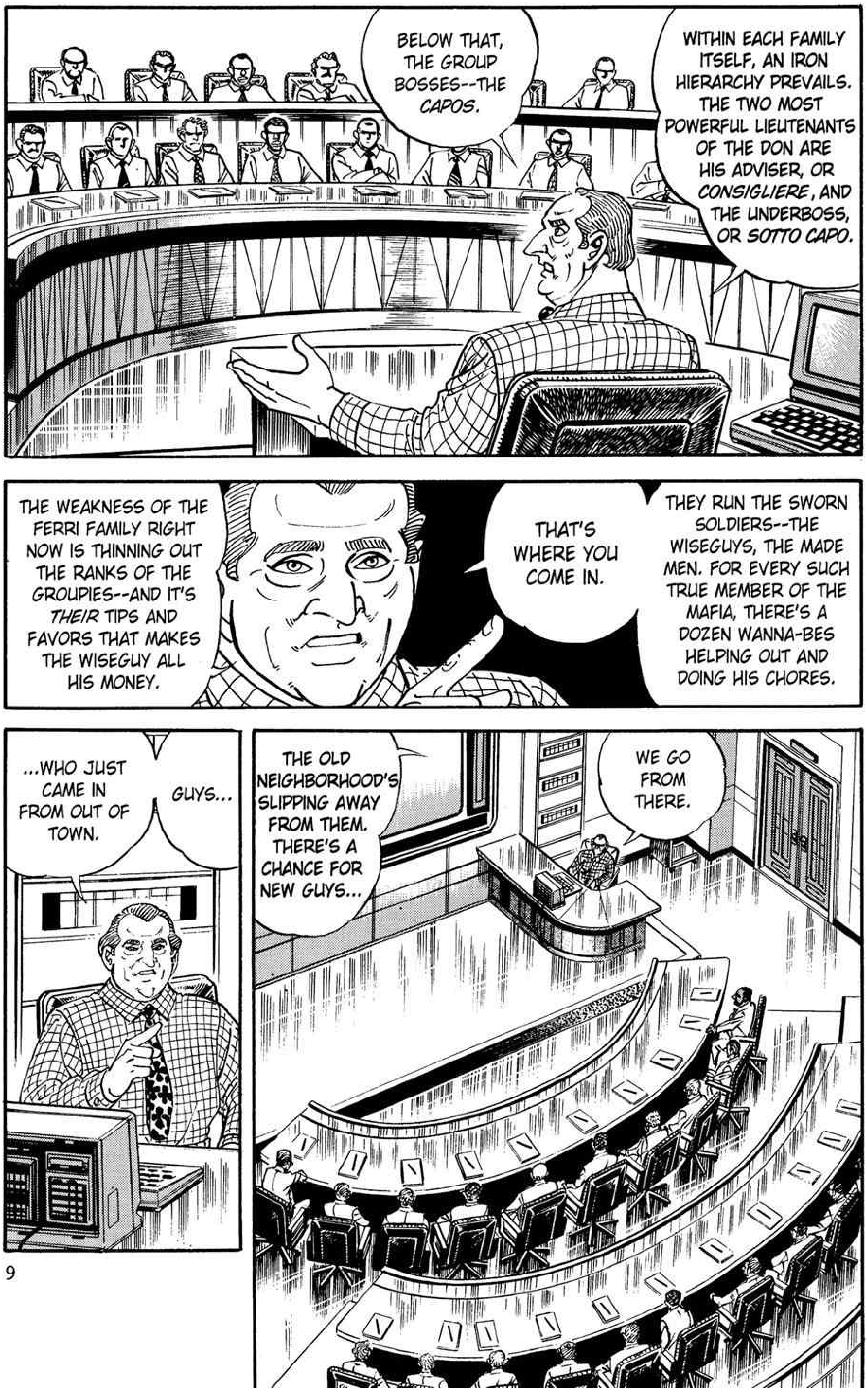
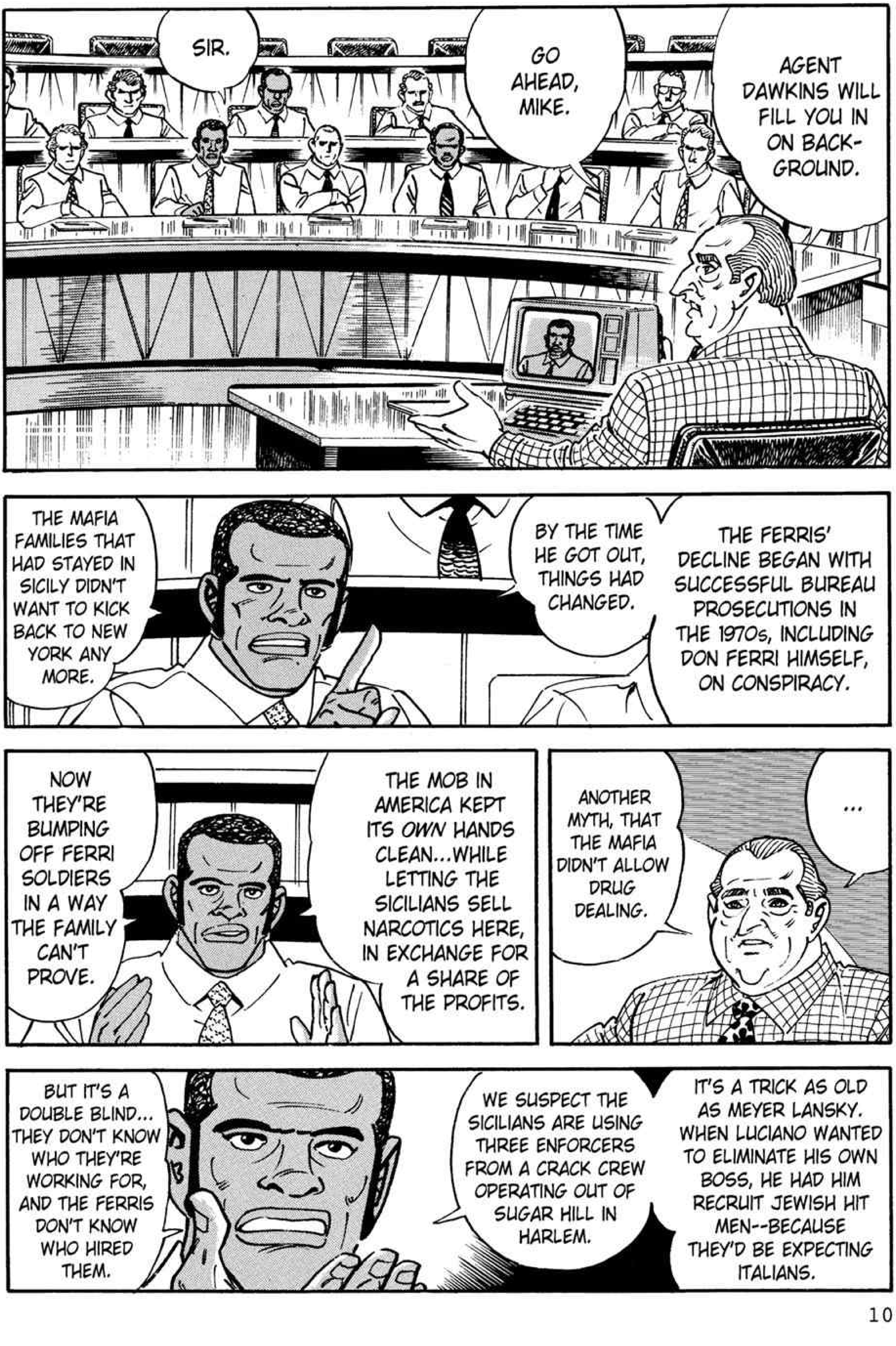
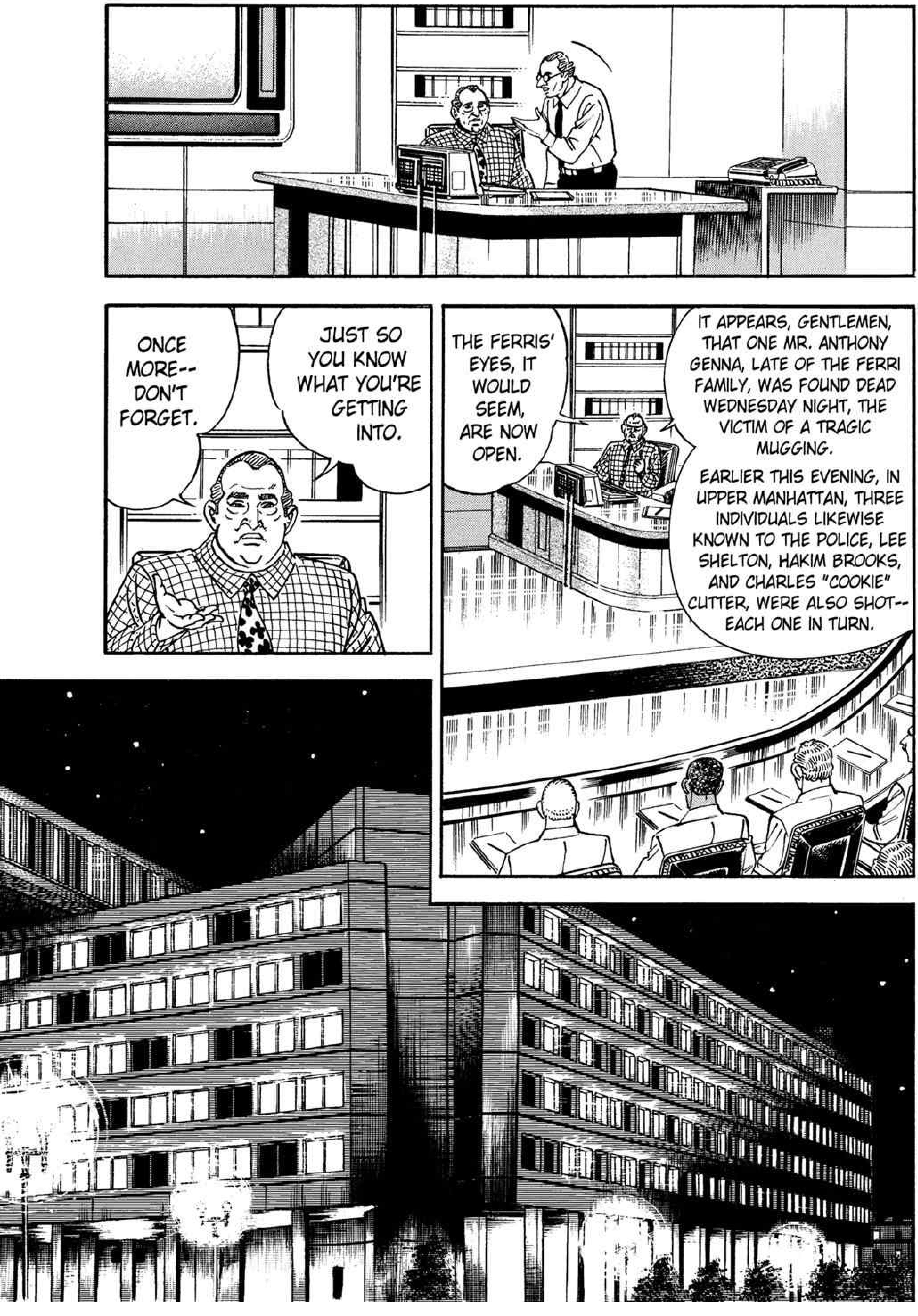

FORGET THE MOVIES YOU SAW GROWING UP...THOSE FINE, NOBLE OLD GENTLEMEN IN *THE GODFATHER*. THE MAFIA, LIKE ALL ORGANIZED CRIME, IS ABOUT LYING, BETRAYING, AND KILLING. IT'S ABOUT STRUTTING HOODLUMS SELLING STOLEN GOODS. IT'S PIMPING KIDS AND RUNNING SMACK.
IT'S ABOUT ANYTHING TO MAKE A COWARD'S BUCK.
DON'T FORGET WHAT THEY REALLY ARE.
YOU MEN NEED TO KNOW THEIR HISTORY BECAUSE THEY'LL EXPECT YOU TO. BUT DON'T GET CAUGHT UP IN THEIR MYTH. OTHER AGENTS HAVE.
THE ROOTS OF THE AMERICAN MOB ARE WITH THE EUROPEAN IMMIGRANTS OF A CENTURY PAST... IRISH, JEWS, BUT MOST ESPECIALLY ITALIANS.

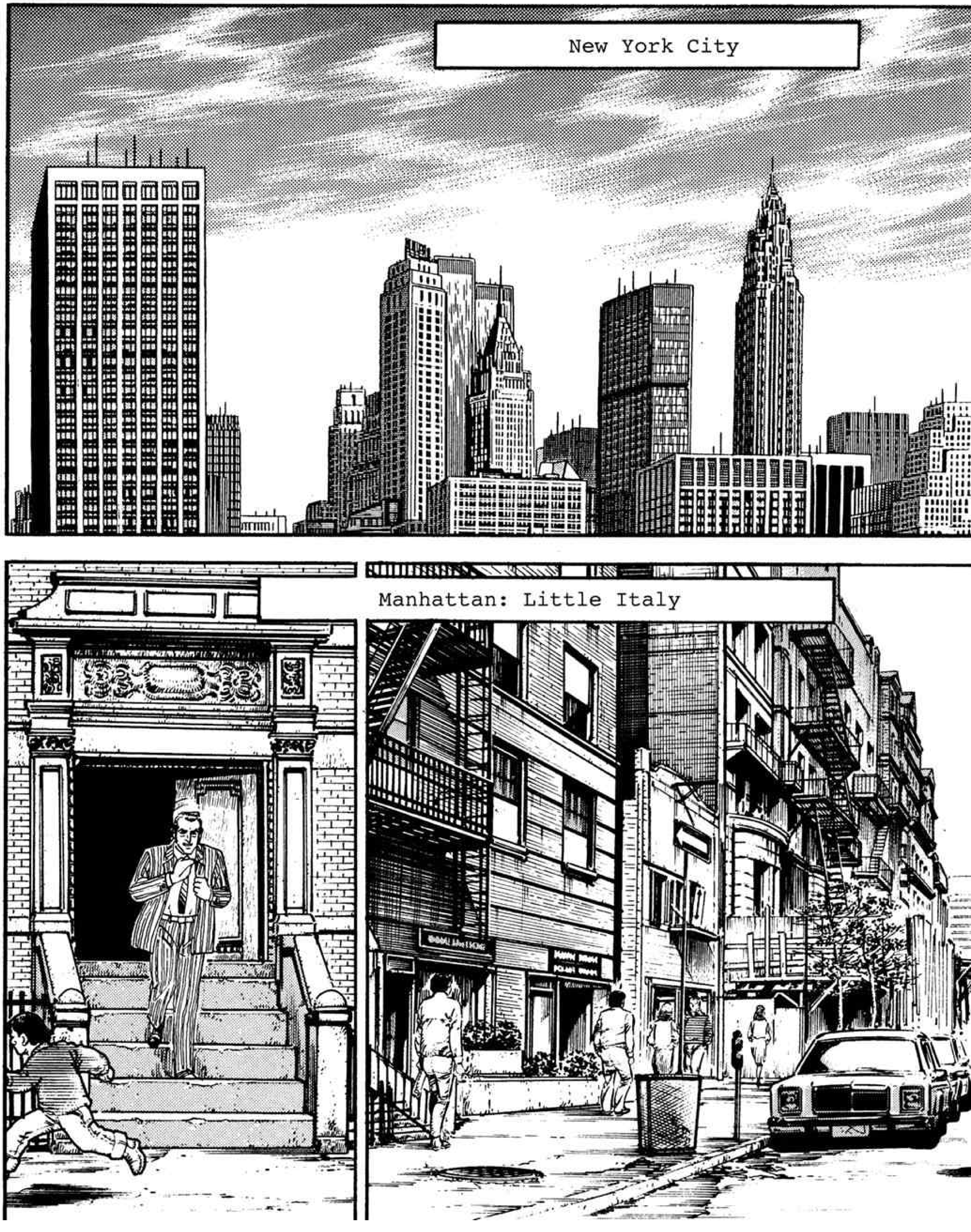

THE MODERN ERA BEGAN WITH SALVATORE LUCCANIA, A SICILIAN BETTER KNOWN AS "LUCKY LUCIANO." BY 1931, HE AND HIS JEWISH PARTNER, MEYER LANSKY, HAD ELIMINATED THE OLD MAFIA LEADERSHIP.
LUCIANO'S VISION WAS AN END TO WARFARE BETWEEN THE RIVAL ORGANIZED CRIME FAMILIES, INSTEAD CONVINCING THEM TO FORM *LA COMMISSIONE*, "THE COMMISSION."
THE COMMISSION APPLIED CORPORATE PRINCIPLES TO CRIME, ACTING LIKE A BOARD OF DIRECTORS WHERE EACH FAMILY'S INTERESTS COULD BE REPRESENTED.
THEY DIVVIED UP AMERICA BETWEEN THEM FOR MUTUAL PROFIT.
IT IS THE COMMISSION'S DISCIPLINE THAT FORCES STABILITY UPON MURDERERS AND THIEVES. NO *CAPOFAMIGLIA*, OR FAMILY DON, CAN BE KILLED UNLESS ALL OTHER FAMILIES AGREE.
OTHERWISE, THE KILLERS THEMSELVES ARE HUNTED DOWN.


WITHIN EACH FAMILY ITSELF, AN IRON HIERARCHY PREVAILS. THE TWO MOST POWERFUL LIEUTENANTS OF THE DON ARE HIS ADVISER, OR *CONSIGLIERE*, AND THE UNDERBOSS, OR *SOTTO CAPO*.
BELOW THAT, THE GROUP BOSSES--THE *CAPOS*.
THEY RUN THE SWORN SOLDIERS--THE WISEGUYS, THE MADE MEN. FOR EVERY SUCH TRUE MEMBER OF THE MAFIA, THERE'S A DOZEN WANNA-BES HELPING OUT AND DOING HIS CHORES.
THE WEAKNESS OF THE FERRI FAMILY RIGHT NOW IS THINNING OUT THE RANKS OF THE GROUPIES--AND IT'S *THEIR* TIPS AND FAVORS THAT MAKES THE WISEGUY ALL HIS MONEY.
THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN.
THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD'S SLIPPING AWAY FROM THEM. THERE'S A CHANCE FOR NEW GUYS...
GUYS...
...WHO JUST CAME IN FROM OUT OF TOWN.
WE GO FROM THERE.


AGENT DAWKINS WILL FILL YOU IN ON BACKGROUND.
GO AHEAD, MIKE.
SIR.
THE FERRIS' DECLINE BEGAN WITH SUCCESSFUL BUREAU PROSECUTIONS IN THE 1970s, INCLUDING DON FERRI HIMSELF, ON CONSPIRACY.
BY THE TIME HE GOT OUT, THINGS HAD CHANGED.
THE MAFIA FAMILIES THAT HAD STAYED IN SICILY DIDN'T WANT TO KICK BACK TO NEW YORK ANY MORE.
...
ANOTHER MYTH, THAT THE MAFIA DIDN'T ALLOW DRUG DEALING.
THE MOB IN AMERICA KEPT ITS *OWN* HANDS CLEAN...WHILE LETTING THE SICILIANS SELL NARCOTICS HERE, IN EXCHANGE FOR A SHARE OF THE PROFITS.
NOW THEY'RE BUMPING OFF FERRI SOLDIERS IN A WAY THE FAMILY CAN'T PROVE.
IT'S A TRICK AS OLD AS MEYER LANSKY. WHEN LUCIANO WANTED TO ELIMINATE HIS OWN BOSS, HE HAD HIM RECRUIT JEWISH HIT MEN--BECAUSE THEY'D BE EXPECTING ITALIANS.
WE SUSPECT THE SICILIANS ARE USING THREE ENFORCERS FROM A CRACK CREW OPERATING OUT OF SUGAR HILL IN HARLEM.
BUT IT'S A DOUBLE BLIND... THEY DON'T KNOW WHO THEY'RE WORKING FOR, AND THE FERRIS DON'T KNOW WHO HIRED THEM.


JUST SO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GETTING INTO.
ONCE MORE-- DON'T FORGET.
IT APPEARS, GENTLEMEN, THAT ONE MR. ANTHONY GENNA, LATE OF THE FERRI FAMILY, WAS FOUND DEAD WEDNESDAY NIGHT, THE VICTIM OF A TRAGIC MUGGING.
EARLIER THIS EVENING, IN UPPER MANHATTAN, THREE INDIVIDUALS LIKEWISE KNOWN TO THE POLICE, LEE SHELTON, HAKIM BROOKS, AND CHARLES "COOKIE" CUTTER, WERE ALSO SHOT-- EACH ONE IN TURN.
THE FERRIS' EYES, IT WOULD SEEM, ARE NOW OPEN.

PART 2 THE FERRI FAMILY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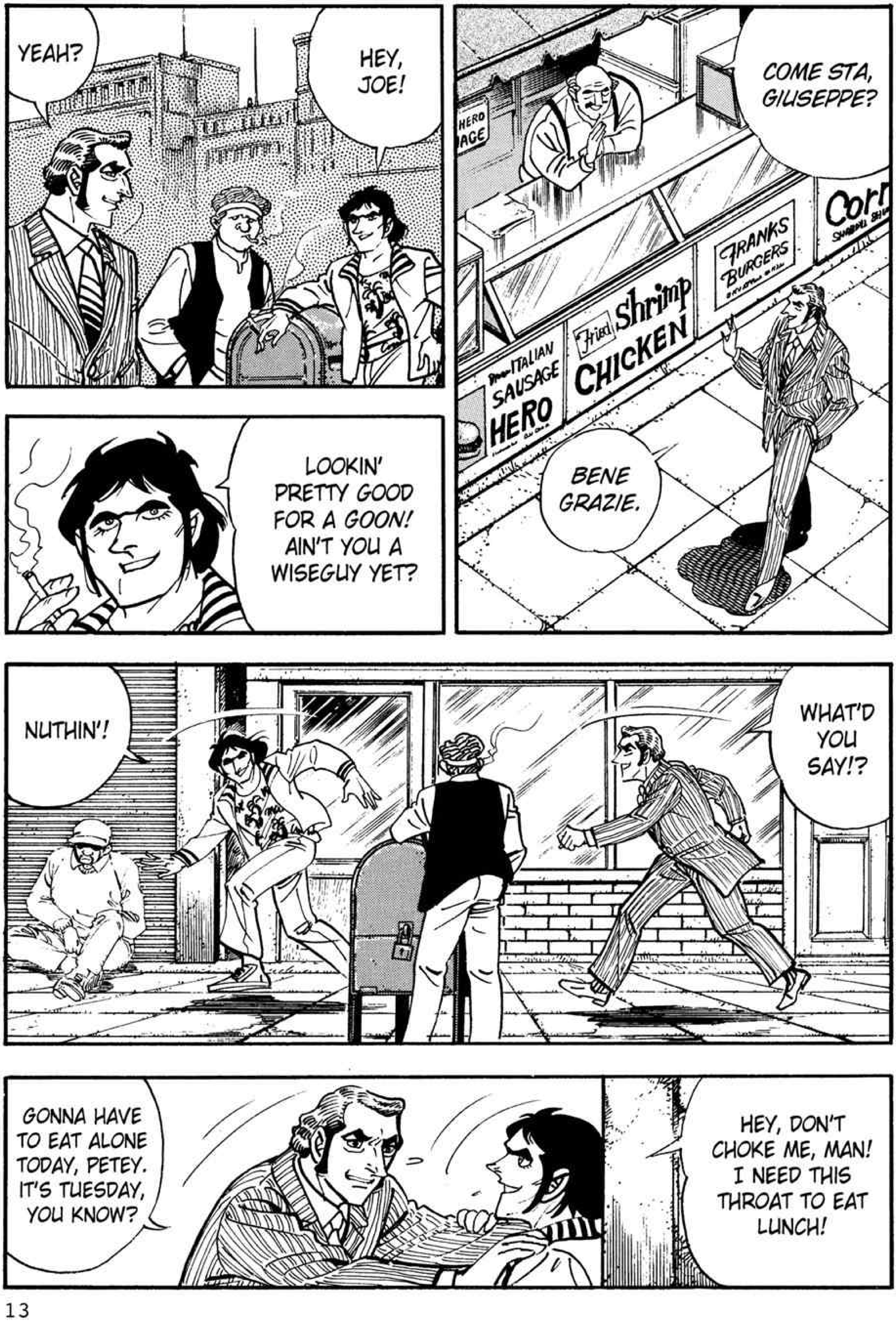
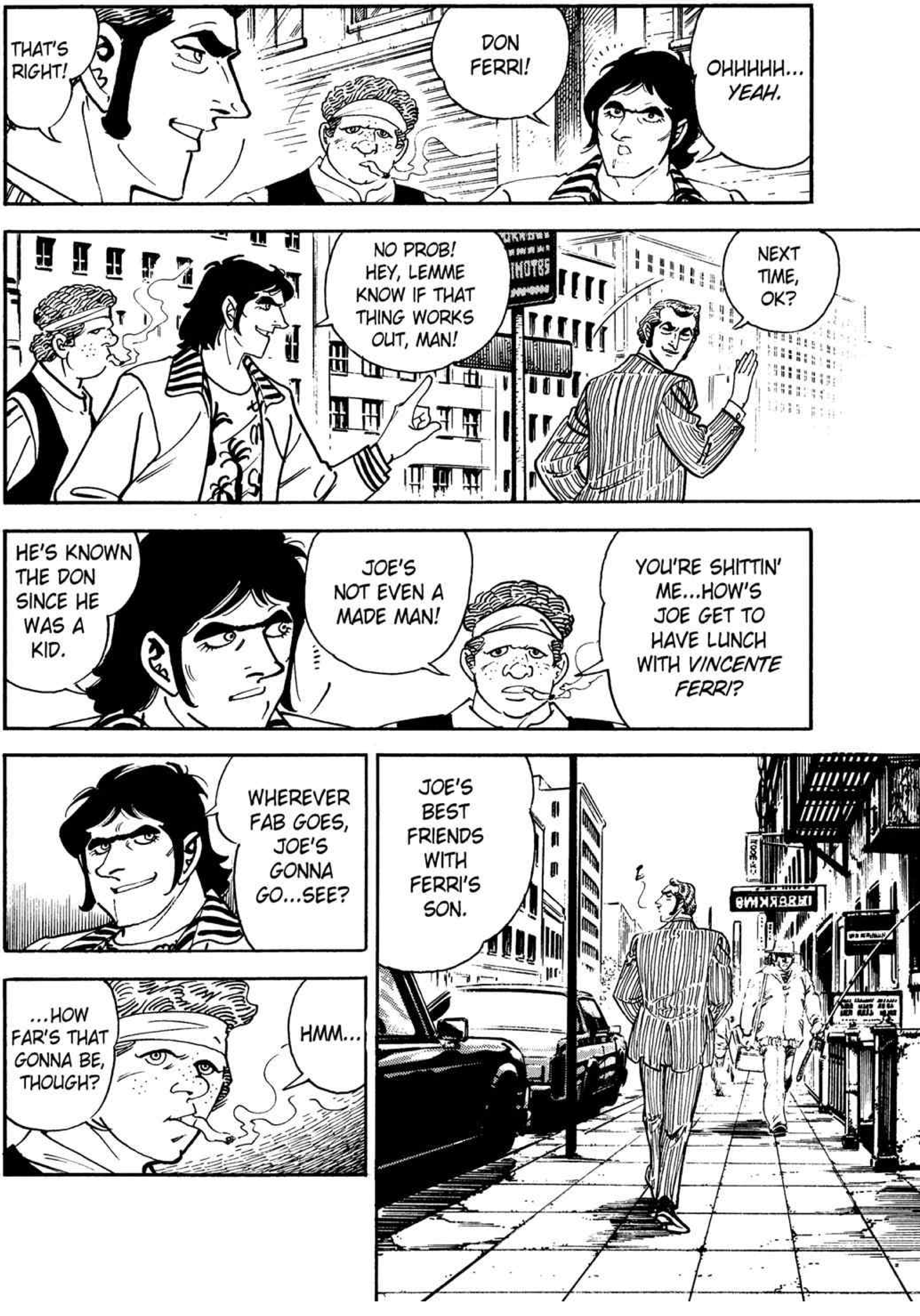
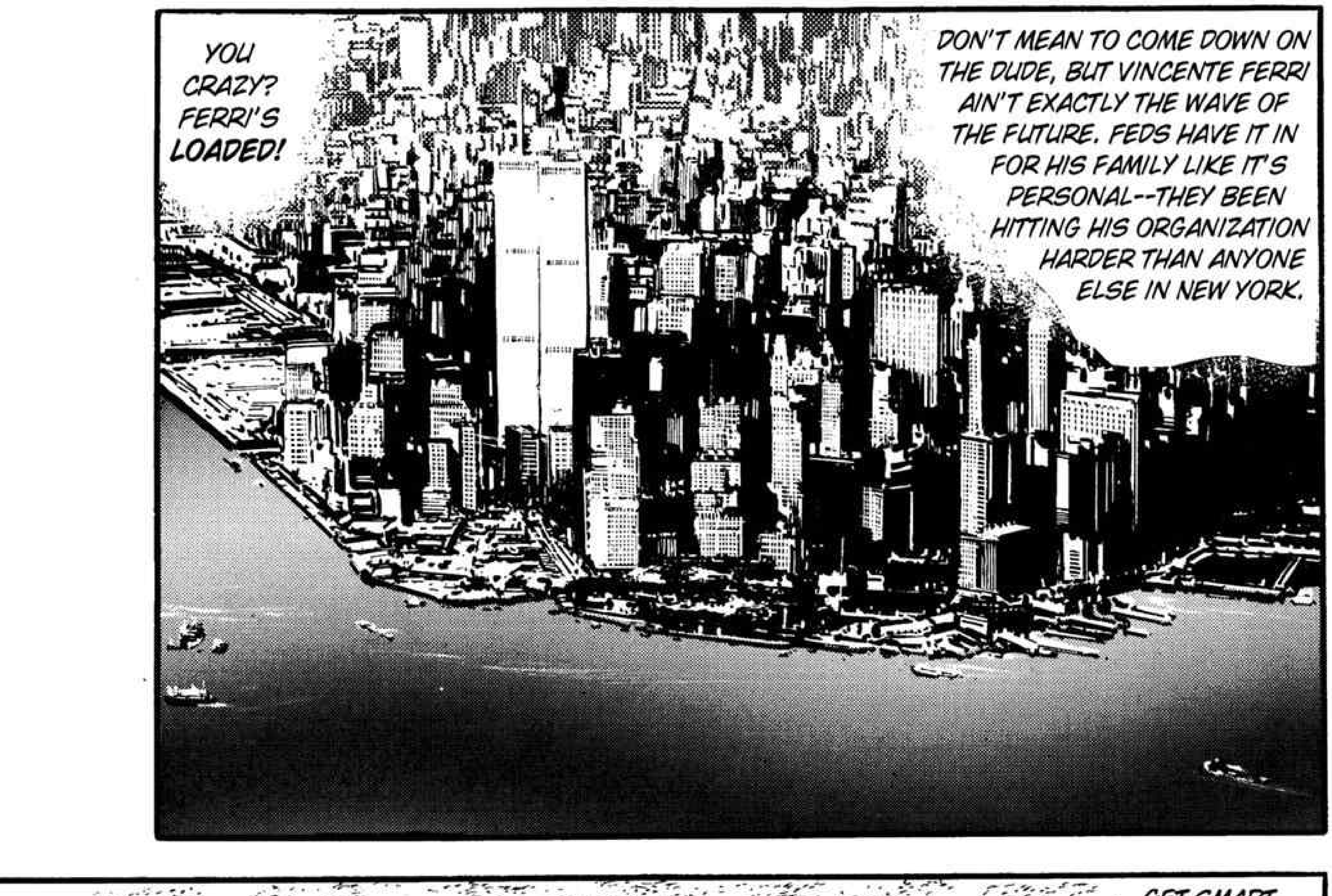
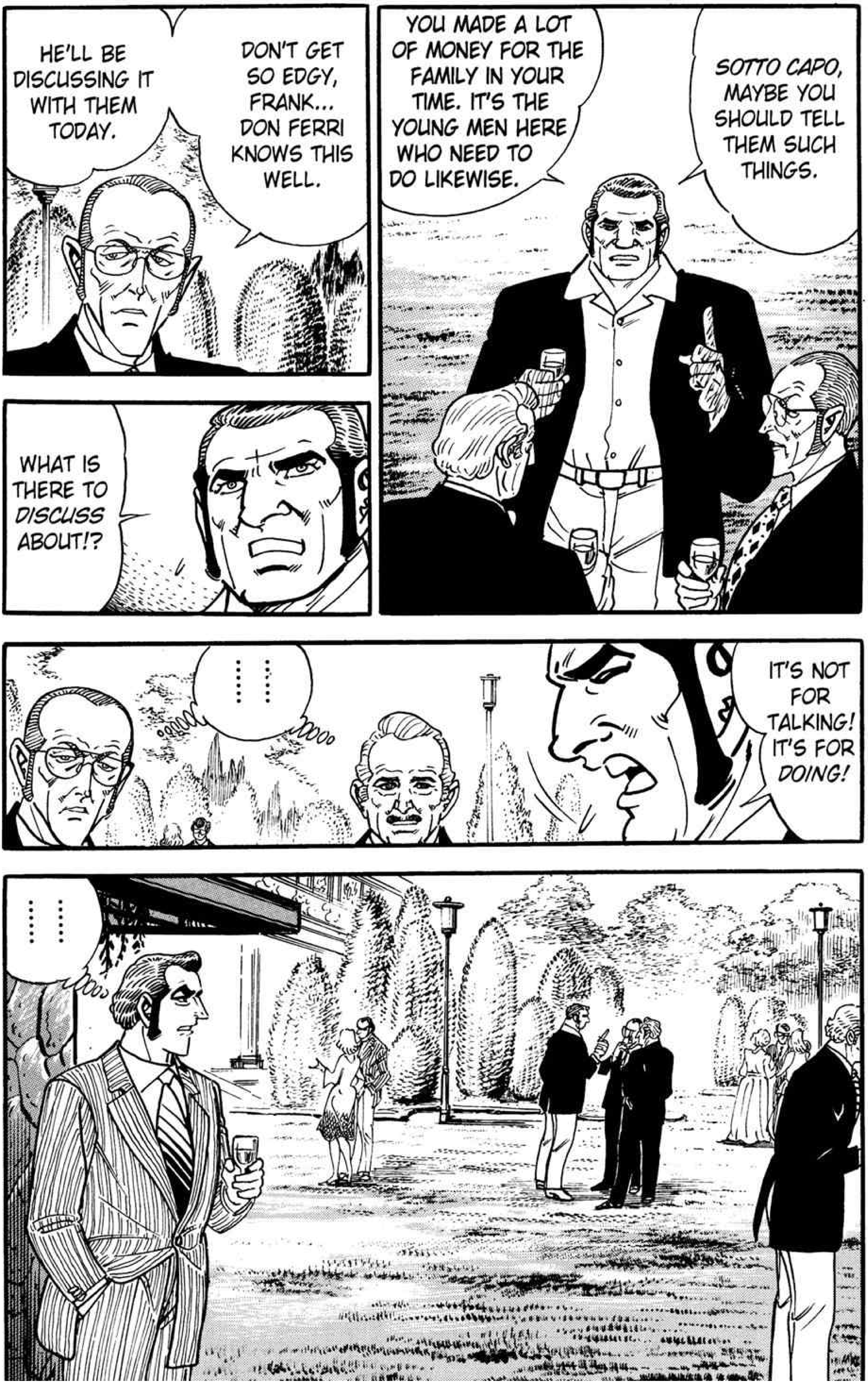

COME STA, GIUSEPPE?
BENE GRAZIE.
HERO
AGE
ITALIAN SAUSAGE HERO
Fried Shrimp
CHICKEN
FRANKS BURGERS
Corn
HEY, JOE!
YEAH?
LOOKIN' PRETTY GOOD FOR A GOON! AIN'T YOU A WISEGUY YET?
WHAT'D YOU SAY!?
NUTHIN'!
HEY, DON'T CHOKE ME, MAN! I NEED THIS THROAT TO EAT LUNCH!
GONNA HAVE TO EAT ALONE TODAY, PETEY. IT'S TUESDAY, YOU KNOW?


OHHHHH... *YEAH.*
DON FERRI!
THAT'S RIGHT!
NEXT TIME, OK?
NO PROB! HEY, LEMME KNOW IF THAT THING WORKS OUT, MAN!
YOU'RE SHITTIN' ME...HOW'S JOE GET TO HAVE LUNCH WITH *VINCENTE FERRI?*
JOE'S NOT EVEN A MADE MAN!
HE'S KNOWN THE DON SINCE HE WAS A KID.
JOE'S BEST FRIENDS WITH FERRI'S SON.
WHEREVER FAB GOES, JOE'S GONNA GO...SEE?
HMM...
...HOW FAR'S THAT GONNA BE, THOUGH?

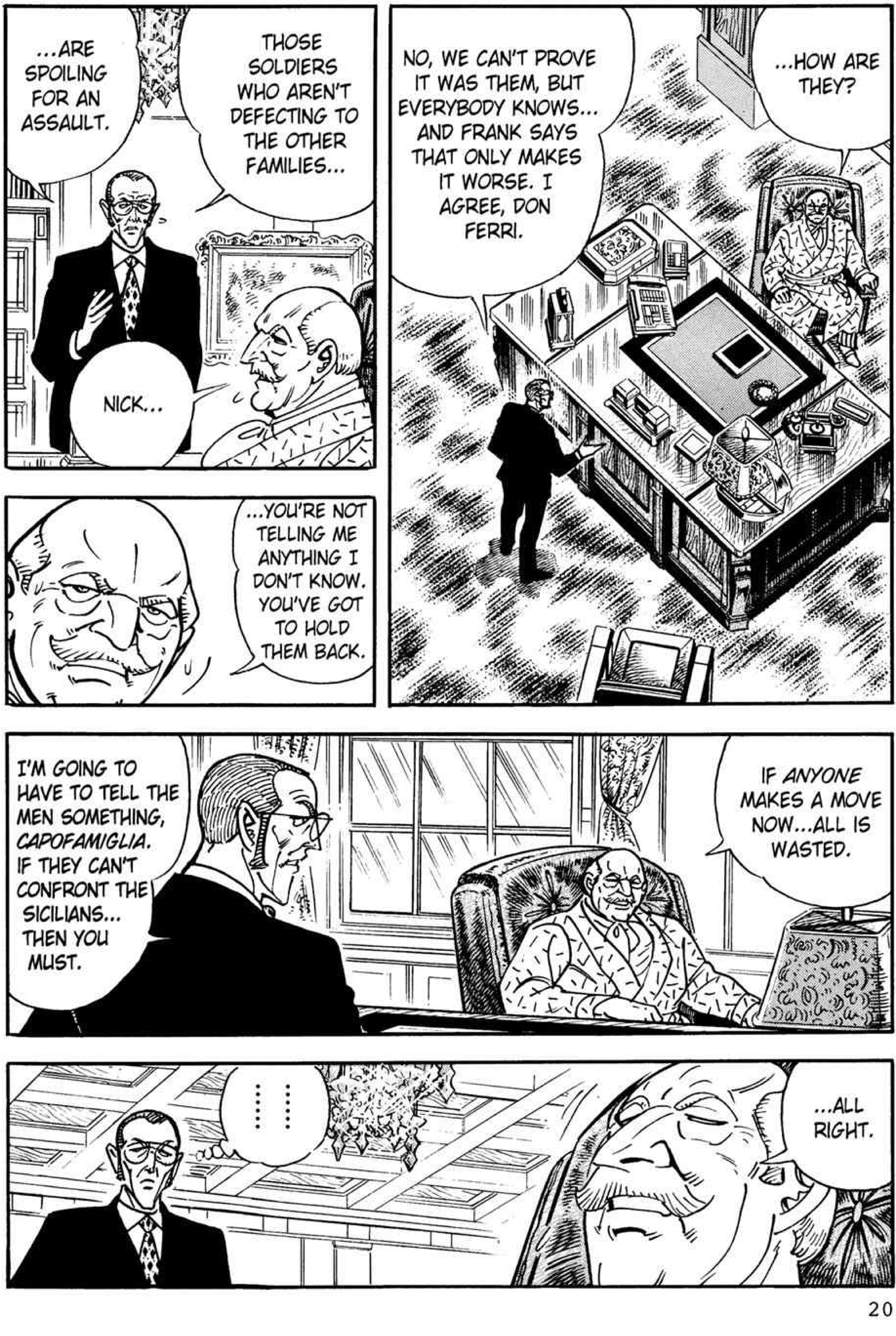

YOU CRAZY? FERRI'S **LOADED!**
DON'T MEAN TO COME DOWN ON THE DUDE, BUT VINCENTE FERRI AIN'T EXACTLY THE WAVE OF THE FUTURE. FEDS HAVE IT IN FOR HIS FAMILY LIKE IT'S PERSONAL--THEY BEEN HITTING HIS ORGANIZATION HARDER THAN ANYONE ELSE IN NEW YORK.
GET SMART, PETEY, OKAY? THEY MAY HAVE THAT BIG HOUSE IN THE HAMPTONS. BUT THE **MONEY'S** WAY DOWN HERE... IN NEW YORK.

Francesco Sirchia, Senior Capo
Carmine Inzerillo, Underboss
Niccola Teresa, Consigliere
IT'S ALREADY TIME FOR THE SAN GENNARO FESTIVAL THIS YEAR, NICK.
I'VE HAD SO MUCH ON MY MIND...BUT WE NEED TO SEE TO PREPARATIONS.
ALWAYS WORTHWHILE FOR ME. USED TO PRAY TO HIM IN NAPLES FORTY YEARS AGO, TAKING THE BOAT TO TANGIERS...YOU GOT A CASE OF SMOKES THERE FOR TWENTY BUCKS, TURNED IT AROUND IN ITALY FOR A HUNDRED AND FIFTY.
HELL, THOUGH...THOSE AREN'T THE KIND OF STORIES...
...I WANT TO TELL THE GRANDKIDS.


SOTTO CAPO, MAYBE YOU SHOULD TELL THEM SUCH THINGS.
YOU MADE A LOT OF MONEY FOR THE FAMILY IN YOUR TIME. IT'S THE YOUNG MEN HERE WHO NEED TO DO LIKEWISE.
DON'T GET SO EDGY, FRANK... DON FERRI KNOWS THIS WELL.
HE'LL BE DISCUSSING IT WITH THEM TODAY.
WHAT IS THERE TO *DISCUSS* ABOUT!?
IT'S NOT FOR TALKING! IT'S FOR *DOING!*
......
......

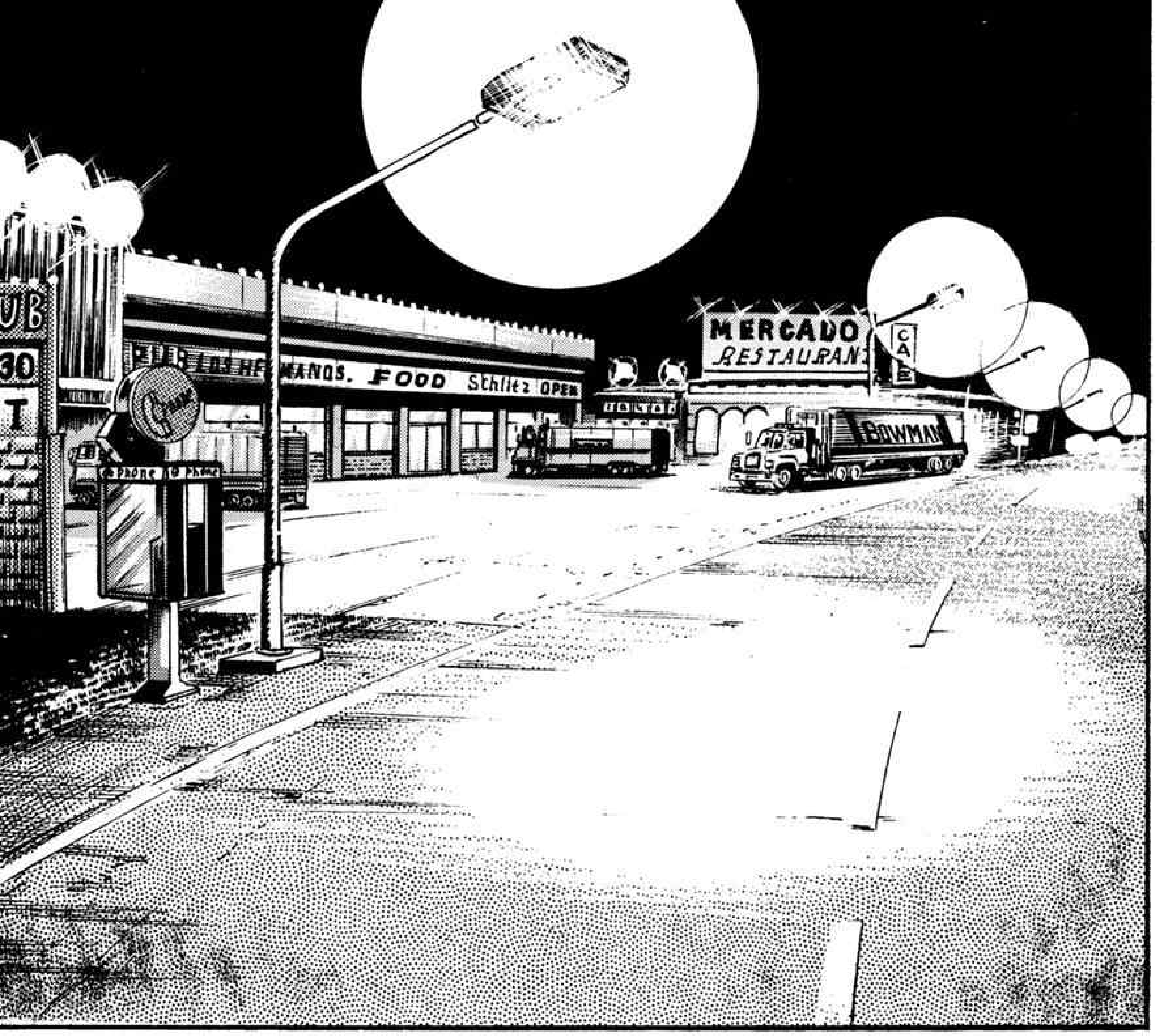
AH, FABRIZIO.
LISTEN TO ME, FAB. YOU NEED TO HEAR WHAT I'M HEARING FROM THE STREETS. WE'RE LOSING TERRITORY TO THE SICILIANS BLOCK BY BLOCK.
TELL YOUR FATHER--WE NEED TO FIGHT THEM!
C'MON, FRANK... THAT'S A LITTLE ABOVE ME, Y'KNOW ...?
I'VE GOTTA PROVE MYSELF TO THE DON BEFORE I START GIVING *HIM* ADVICE! NOW I KNOW YOU THINK I'M LAZY... BUT I GOT A JOB LINED UP JUST THIS EVENING.
SNATCH SOME LOOT, EH?
THAT'S A GOOD BOY, FABRIZIO. THE DON WILL BE PLEASED.
JUST LIKE YOUR UNCLE CARMINE SAYS. MONEY TO BE GOT, YOU HAVE TO GO OUT AND GET IT.
WHEN YOU GET MADE, YOU'LL KNOW IT WAS *EARNED*.
...YES.

WHAT'S THE WORD, JOE? CAN WE TRUST THIS?
YEAH... IT'S GOOD INFO...
MR. TERESA...DAD WANTS TO SEE YOU, OKAY?
RIGHT, FAB.
PETEY'S NEVER LED ME WRONG YET. YOU'RE UP FOR IT, RIGHT?
YOU KIDDIN' ME?


...HOW ARE THEY?
NO, WE CAN'T PROVE IT WAS THEM, BUT EVERYBODY KNOWS... AND FRANK SAYS THAT ONLY MAKES IT WORSE. I AGREE, DON FERRI.
THOSE SOLDIERS WHO AREN'T DEFECTING TO THE OTHER FAMILIES...
...ARE SPOILING FOR AN ASSAULT.
NICK...
...YOU'RE NOT TELLING ME ANYTHING I DON'T KNOW. YOU'VE GOT TO HOLD THEM BACK.
I'M GOING TO HAVE TO TELL THE MEN SOMETHING, CAPOFAMIGLIA. IF THEY CAN'T CONFRONT THE SICILIANS... THEN YOU MUST.
IF ANYONE MAKES A MOVE NOW...ALL IS WASTED.
......
...ALL RIGHT.

PART 3

THE NIGHT OF THE TALK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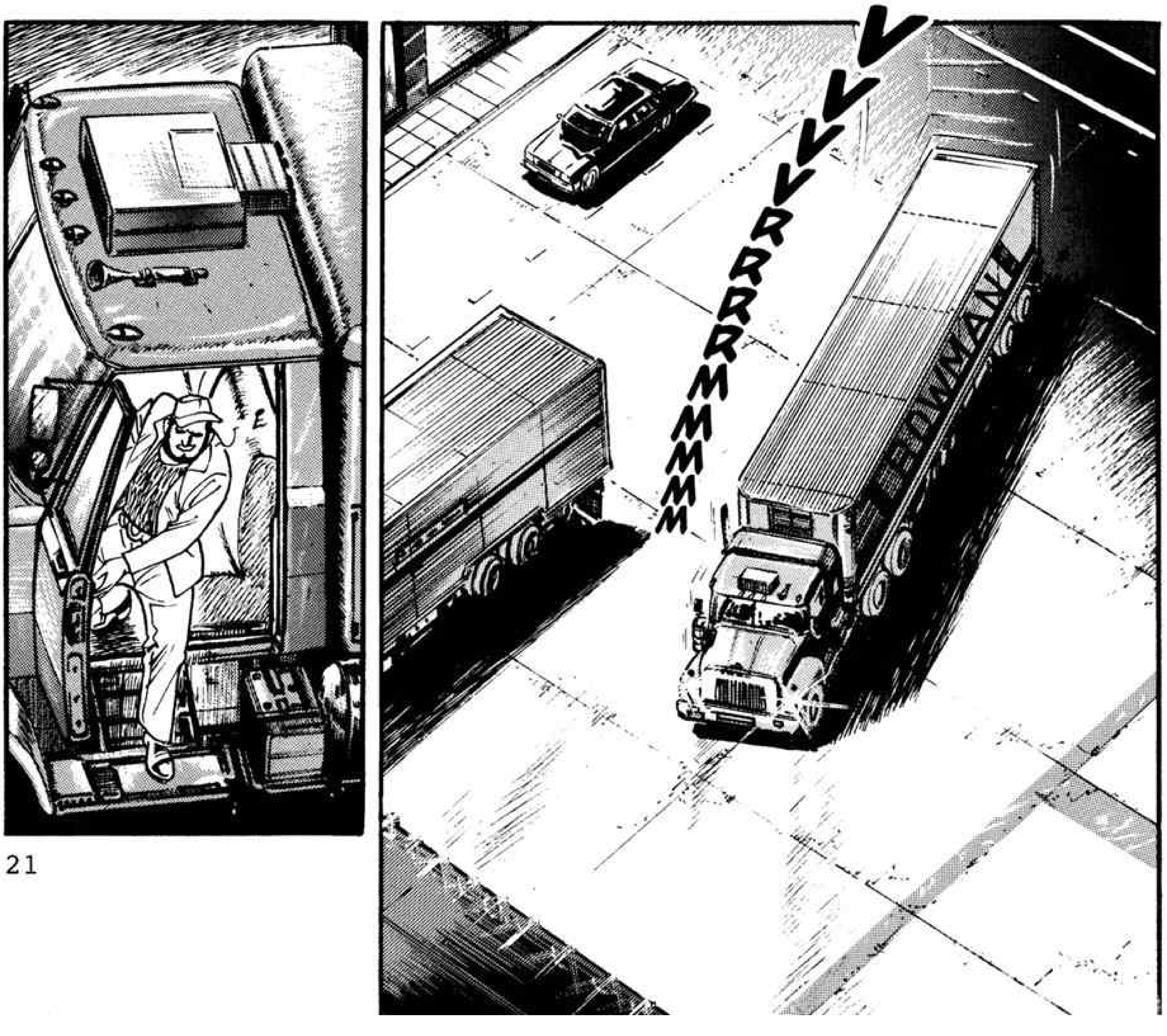
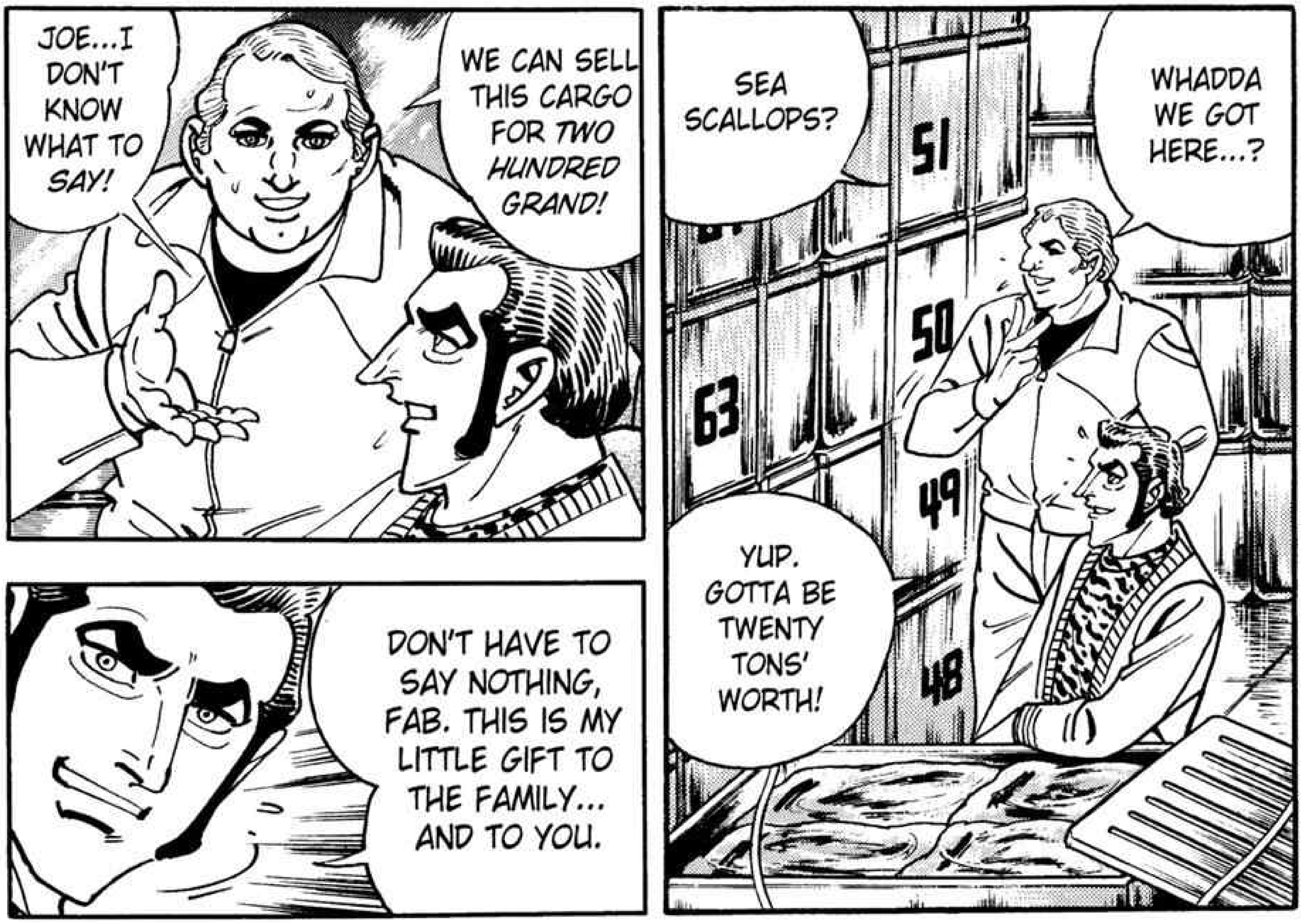
HERMANOS. FOOD Schlitz OPEN
PHONE
MERCADO RESTAURANT
CAFE
BOWMAN


VVVVRRRRMMMMM
BOWMAN

PUB
MERCADO
RESTA
LEFT THE KEY IN THE IGNITION... JUST LIKE PETEY SAID.
MACK
RRRRMMMMRRRRMMMM

RRRRRRMMMMMMMMMMM
ANDS. FOOD schlitz


WHADDA WE GOT HERE...?
SEA SCALLOPS?
YUP. GOTTA BE TWENTY TONS' WORTH!
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50
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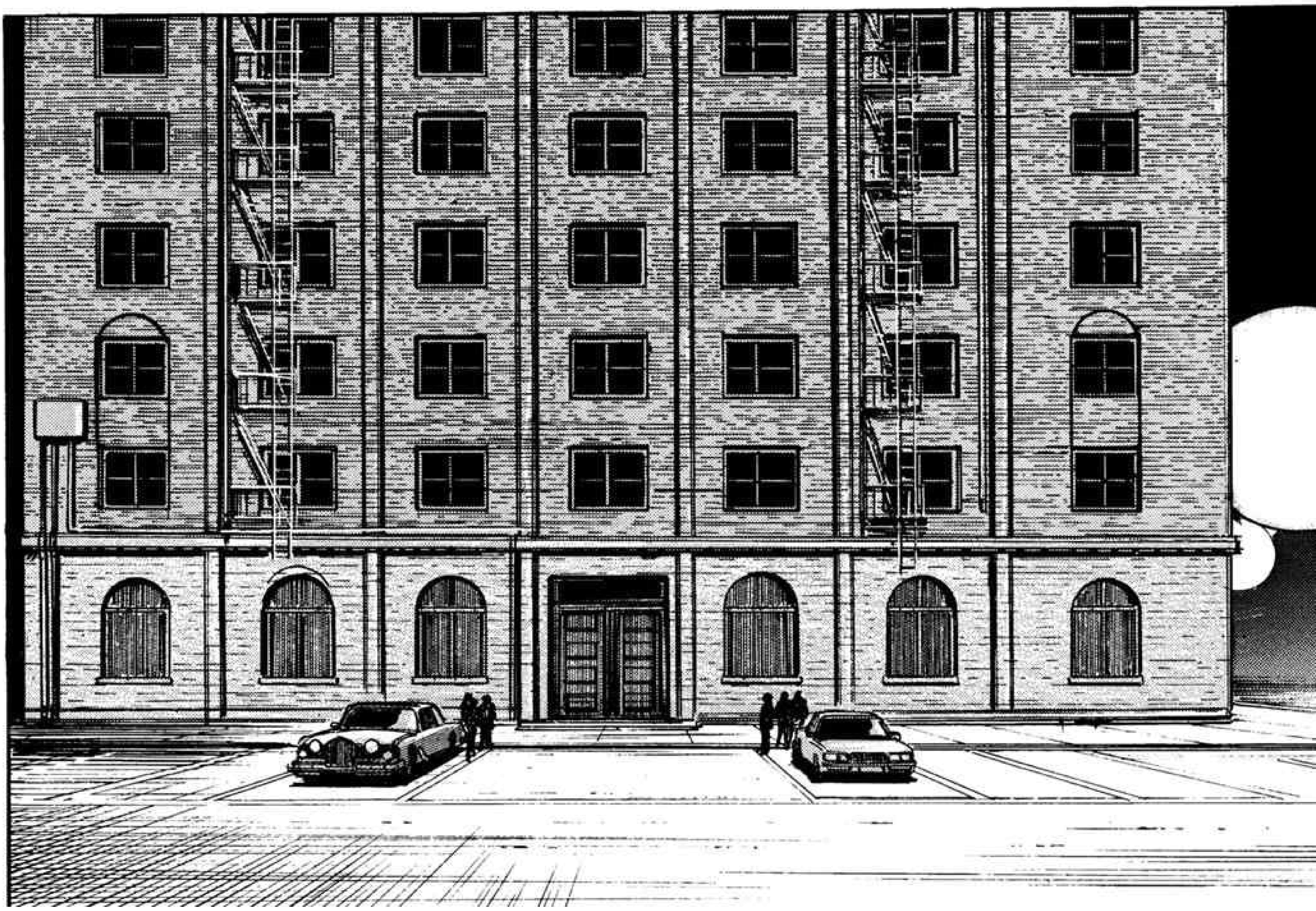
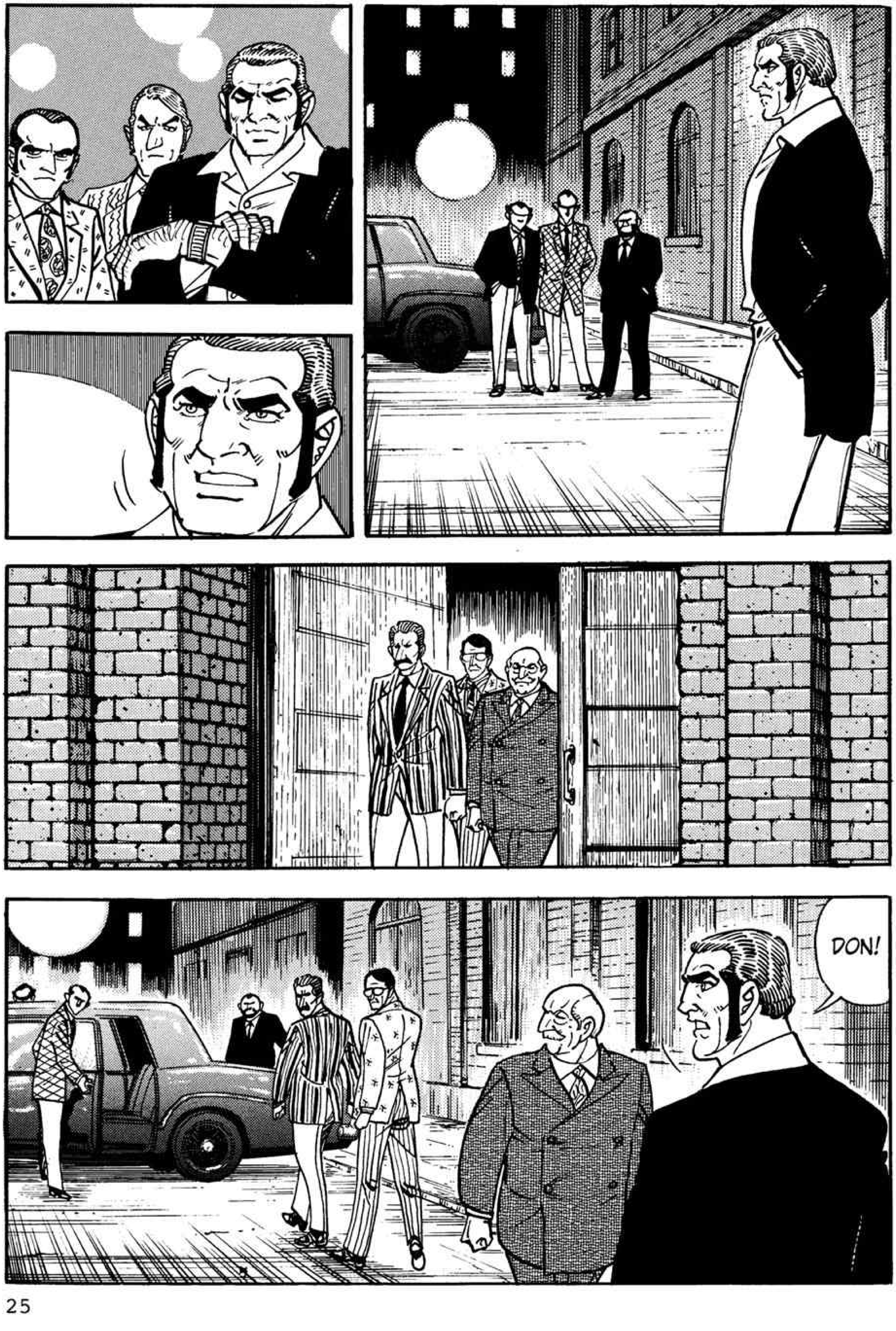
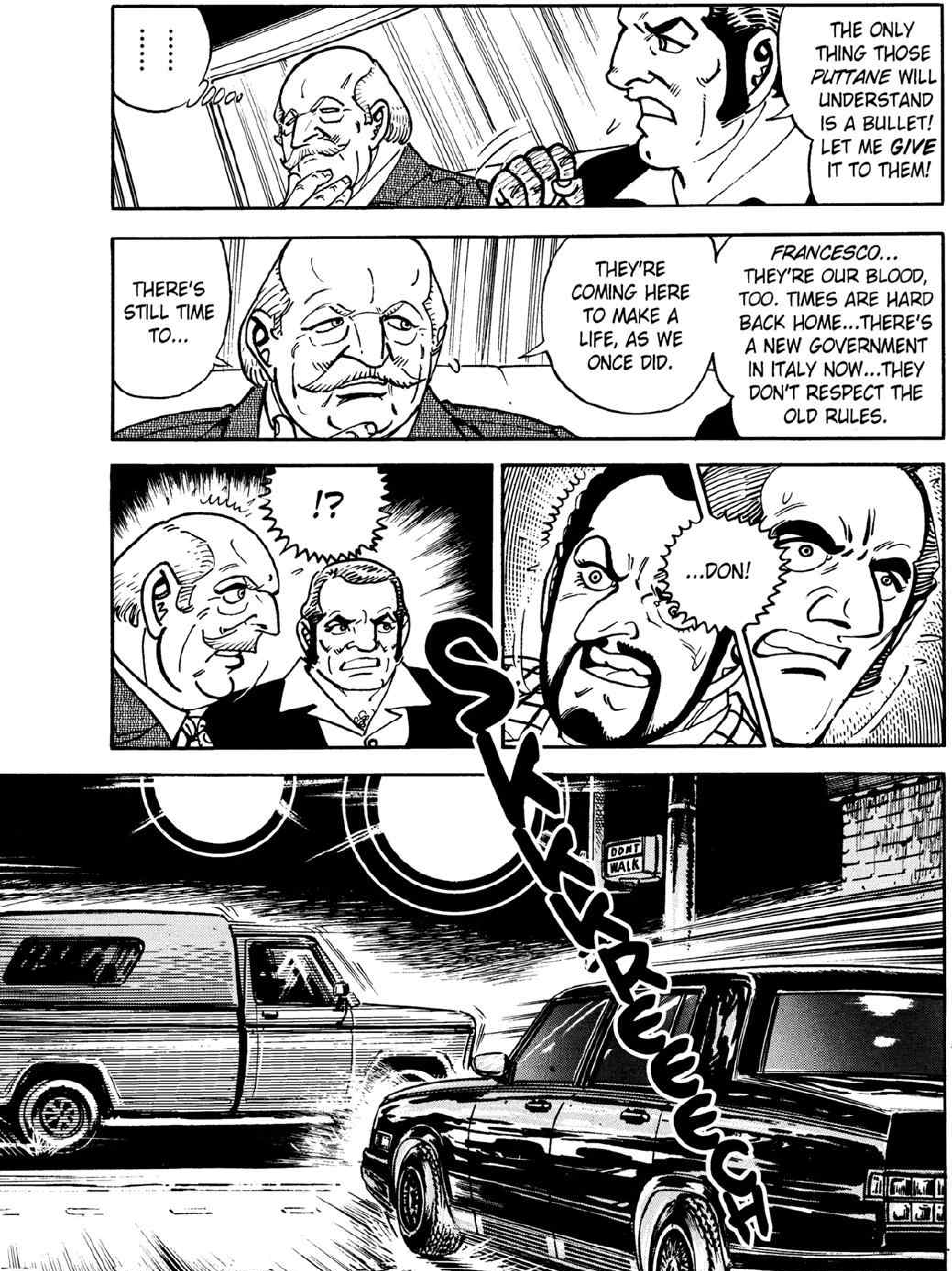
48
WE CAN SELL THIS CARGO FOR *TWO HUNDRED GRAND!*
JOE...I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY!
DON'T HAVE TO SAY NOTHING, FAB. THIS IS MY LITTLE GIFT TO THE FAMILY... AND TO YOU.

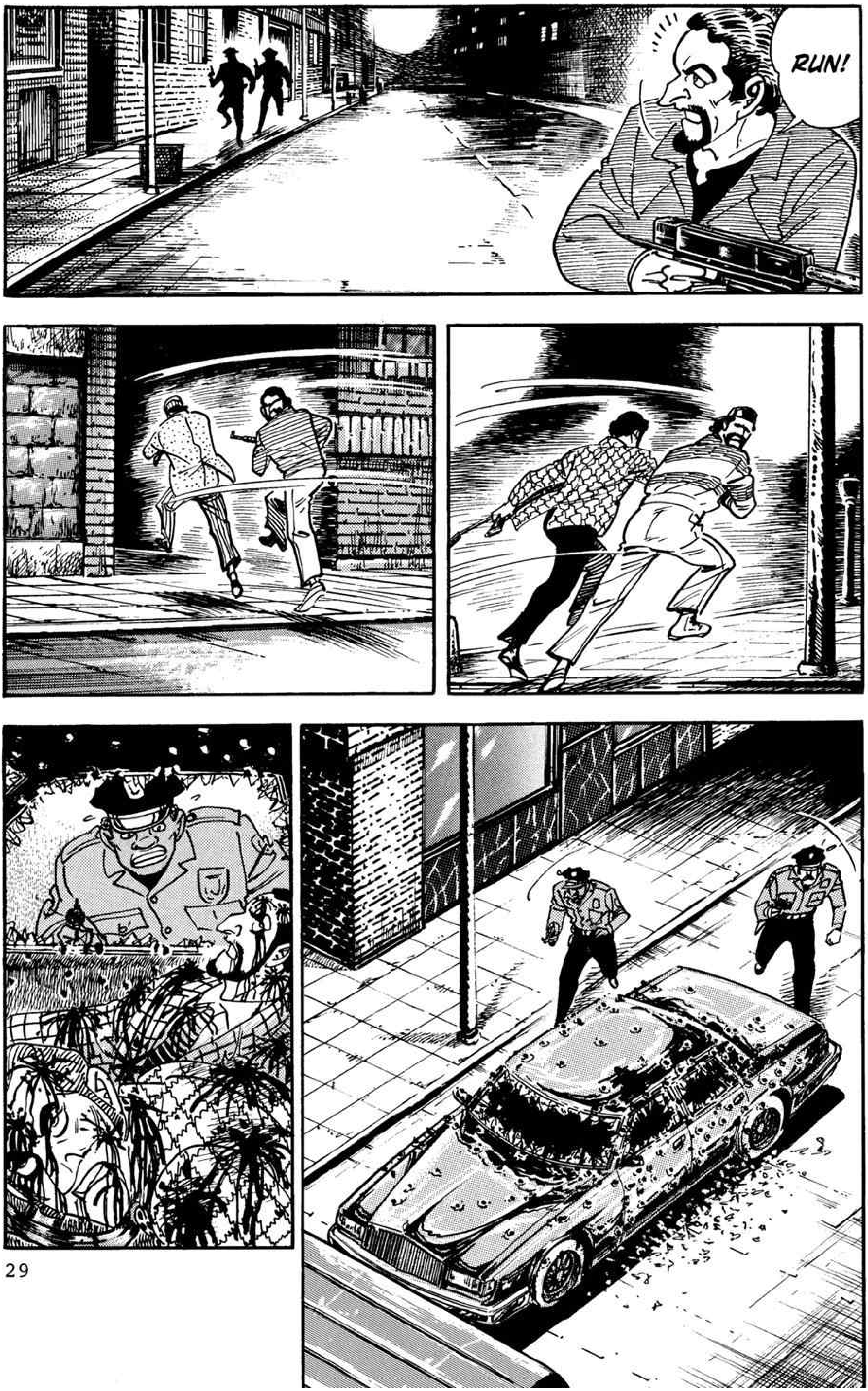


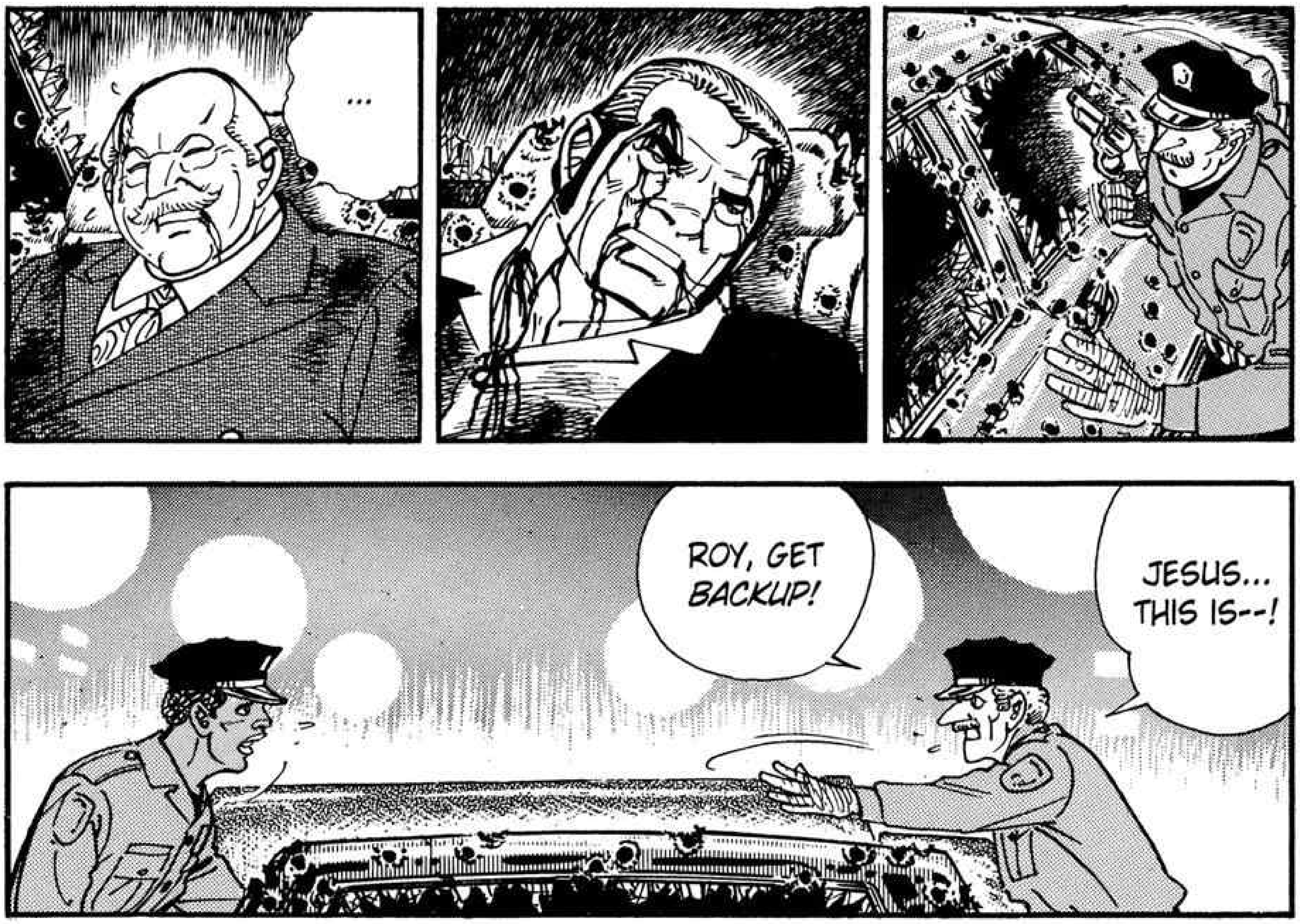

DON!

...DON...?
......
RRRRRMMMMM
RIGHT.
GO!
VVVVRRRRMMMM
RRRRRMMMMM
CAPOFAMIGLIA, THEY INSULTED YOU! THOSE STINKING **BASTARDS!** FRESH-OFF-THE-BOAT BASTARDS! HOW *DARE* THEY?


THE ONLY THING THOSE *PUTTANE* WILL UNDERSTAND IS A BULLET! LET ME **GIVE** IT TO THEM!
......
FRANCESCO... THEY'RE OUR BLOOD, TOO. TIMES ARE HARD BACK HOME...THERE'S A NEW GOVERNMENT IN ITALY NOW...THEY DON'T RESPECT THE OLD RULES.
THEY'RE COMING HERE TO MAKE A LIFE, AS WE ONCE DID.
THERE'S STILL TIME TO...
...DON!
!?
SKKKREEEECH
DONT WALK

BBBBBRRRRRPPP
BRRRRRRRRPPP
BRRRRRRRRRPPPPP


RUN!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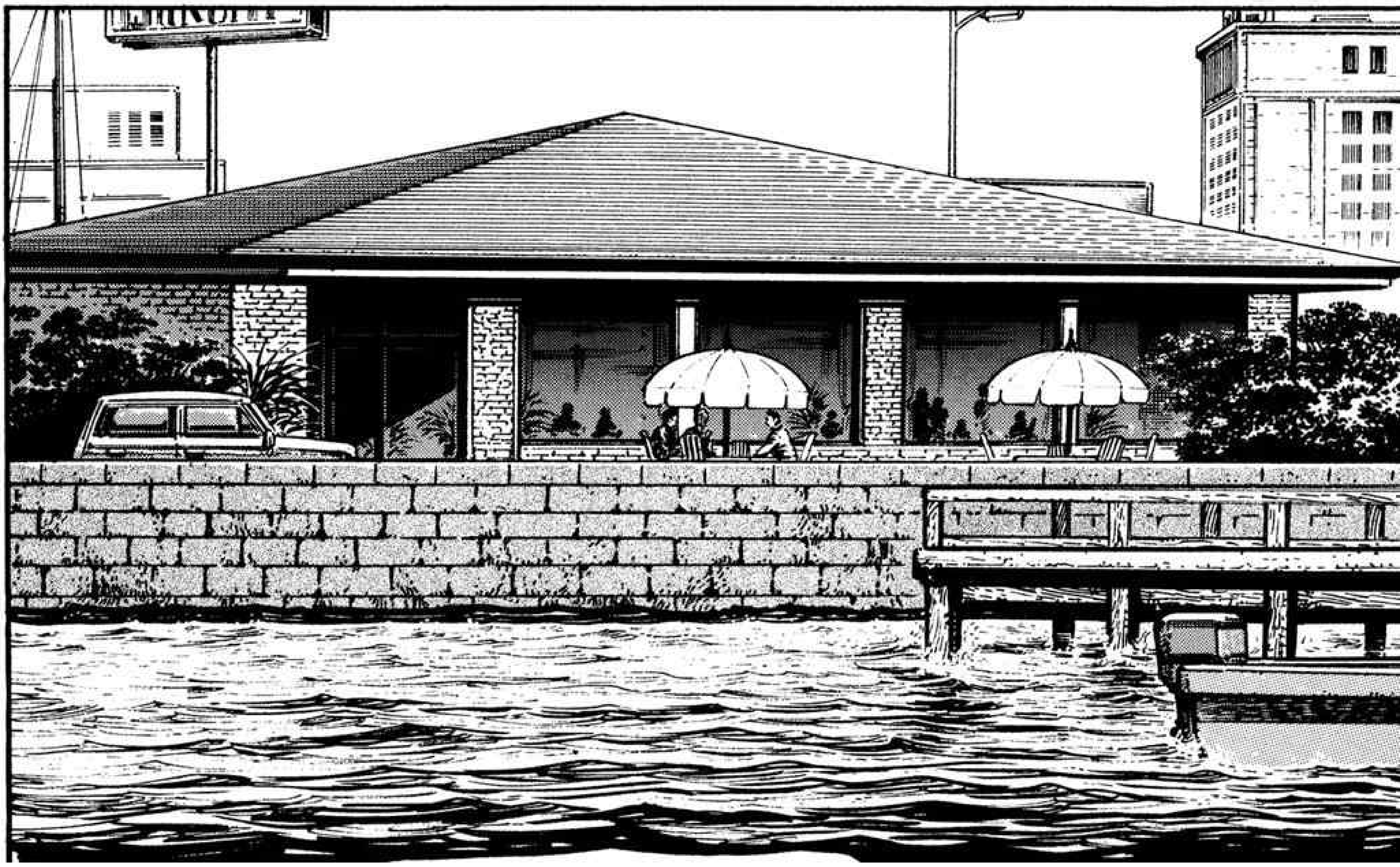
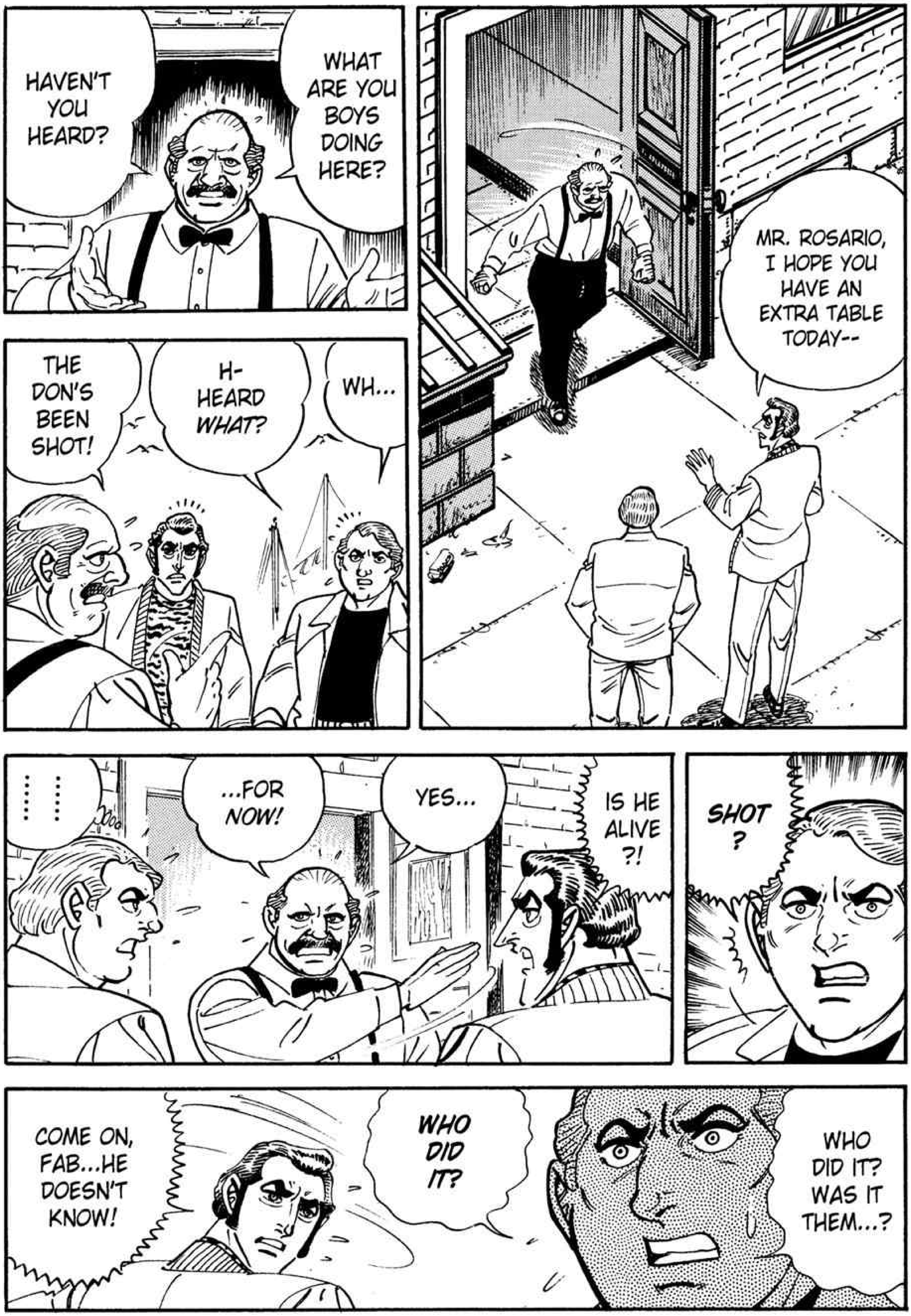
ROY, GET BACKUP!
JESUS... THIS IS--!

PART 4 INTENSIVE CARE




MR. ROSARIO, I HOPE YOU HAVE AN EXTRA TABLE TODAY--
WHAT ARE YOU BOYS DOING HERE?
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD?
WH...
H-HEARD *WHAT?*
THE DON'S BEEN SHOT!
SHOT ?
IS HE ALIVE ?!
YES...
...FOR *NOW!*
......
WHO DID IT? WAS IT THEM...?
WHO DID IT?
COME ON, FAB...HE DOESN'T KNOW!

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THIS IS CRAZY, NICK. WHAT CHOICE DO WE HAVE ANYMORE?
WE HAVE TO FIGHT NOW.
NO, CARMINE... NOT IF YOU'RE GOING TO OBEY.
THE DON DOESN'T WANT A WAR.
MERDA! *THEY* DO!
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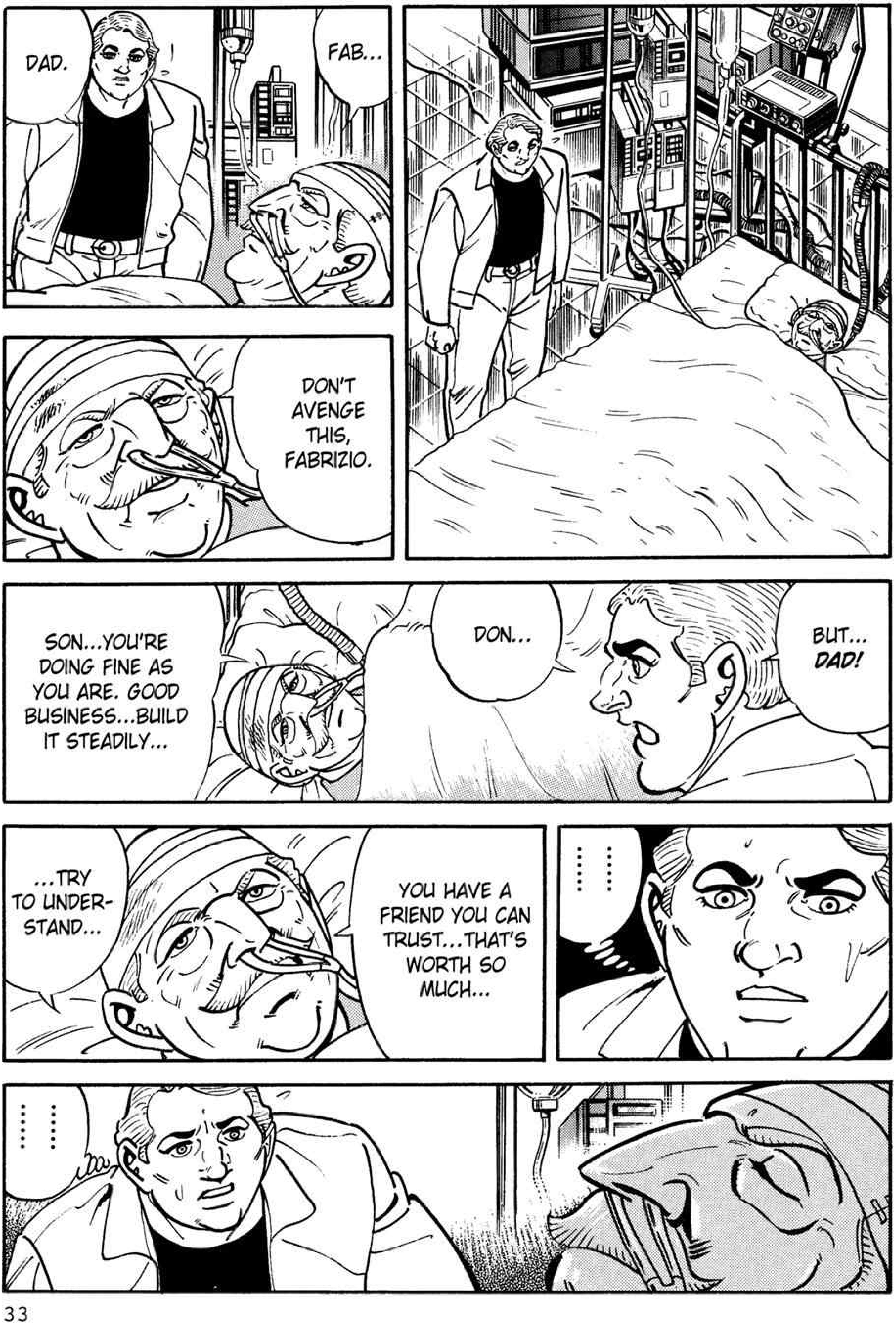
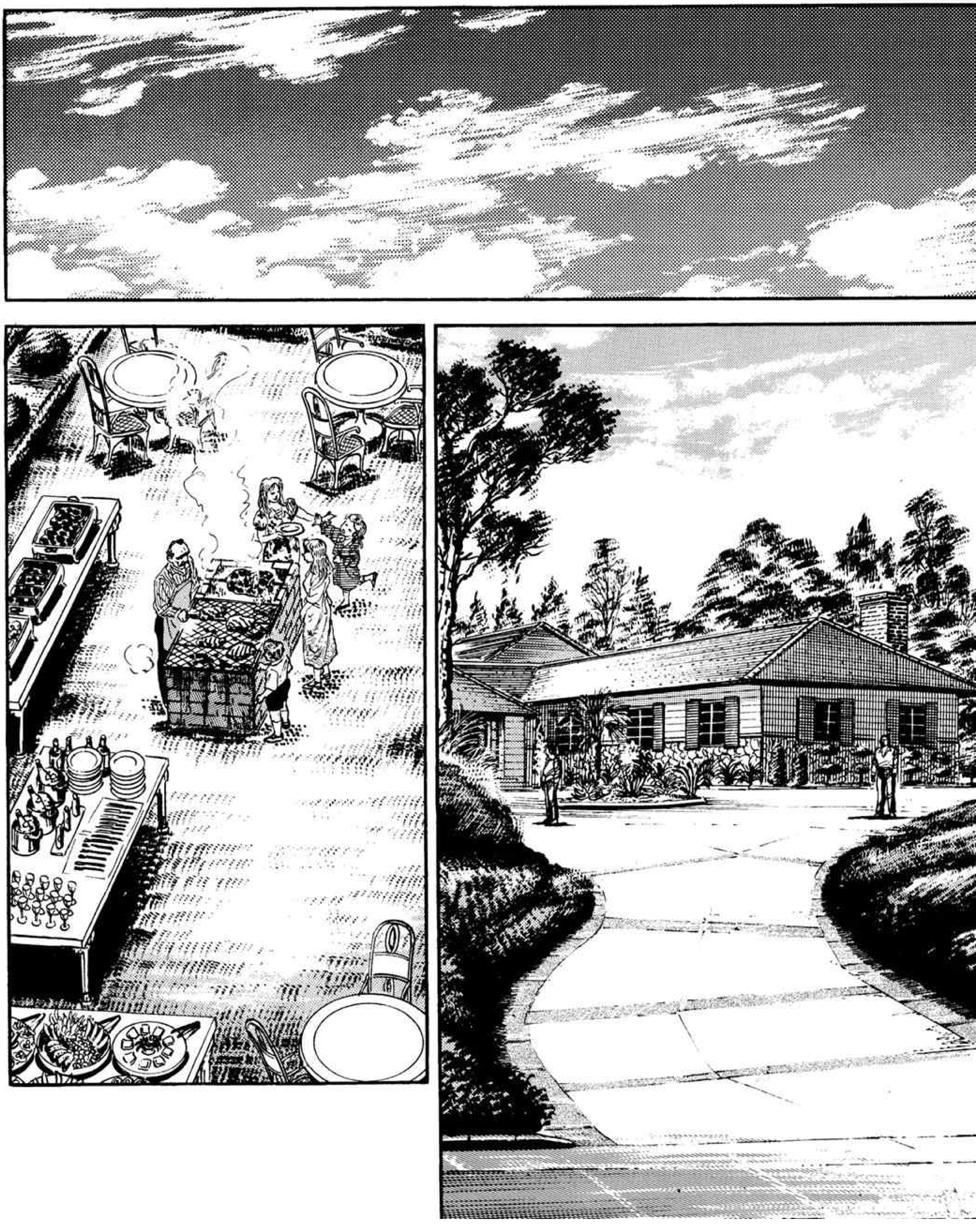
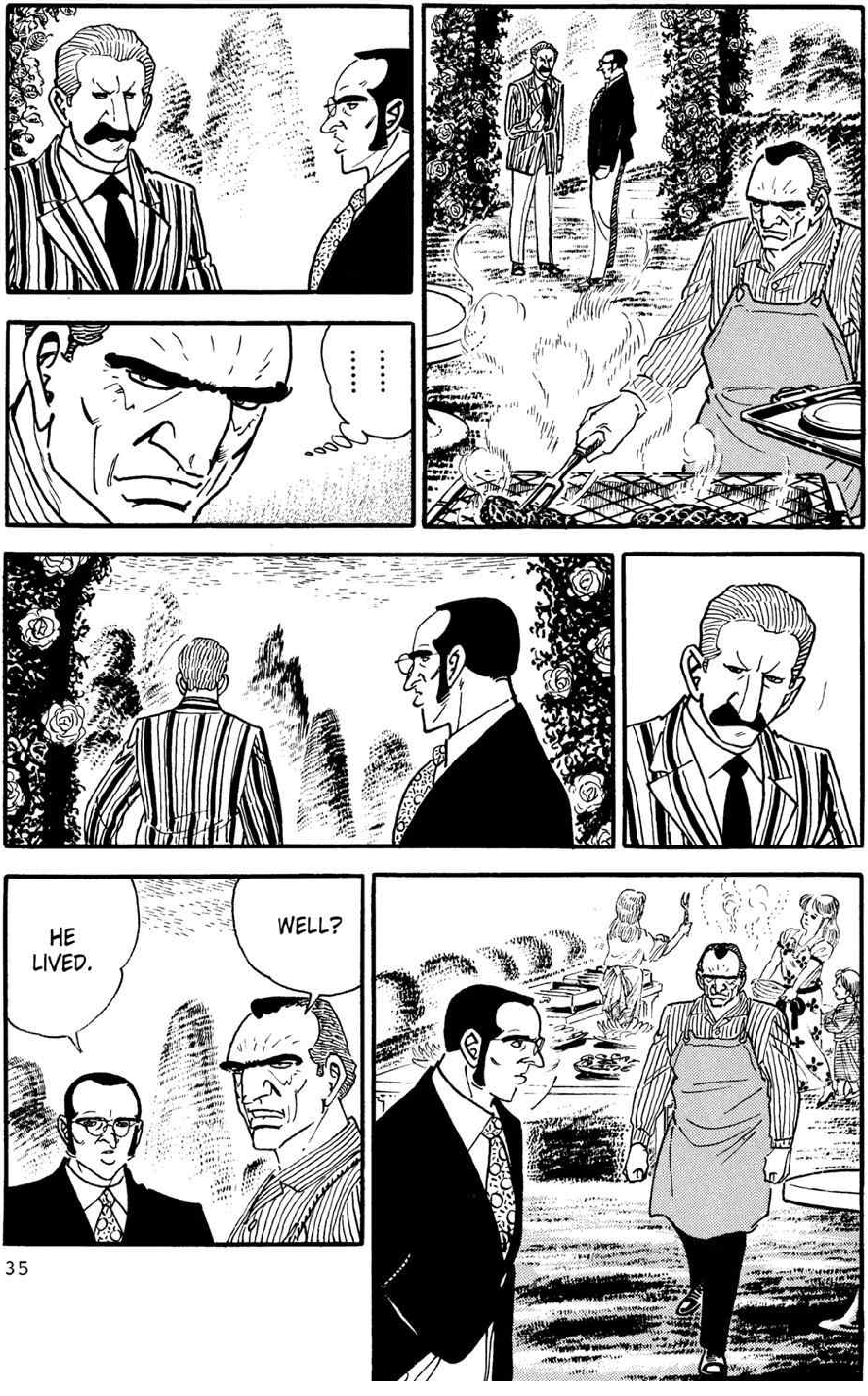

DAD.
!
FAB...
DON'T AVENGE THIS, FABRIZIO.
SON...YOU'RE DOING FINE AS YOU ARE. GOOD BUSINESS...BUILD IT STEADILY...
DON...
BUT... ***DAD!***
...TRY TO UNDERSTAND...
YOU HAVE A FRIEND YOU CAN TRUST...THAT'S WORTH SO MUCH...
......
......

PART 5 JUNIOR'S DECISION

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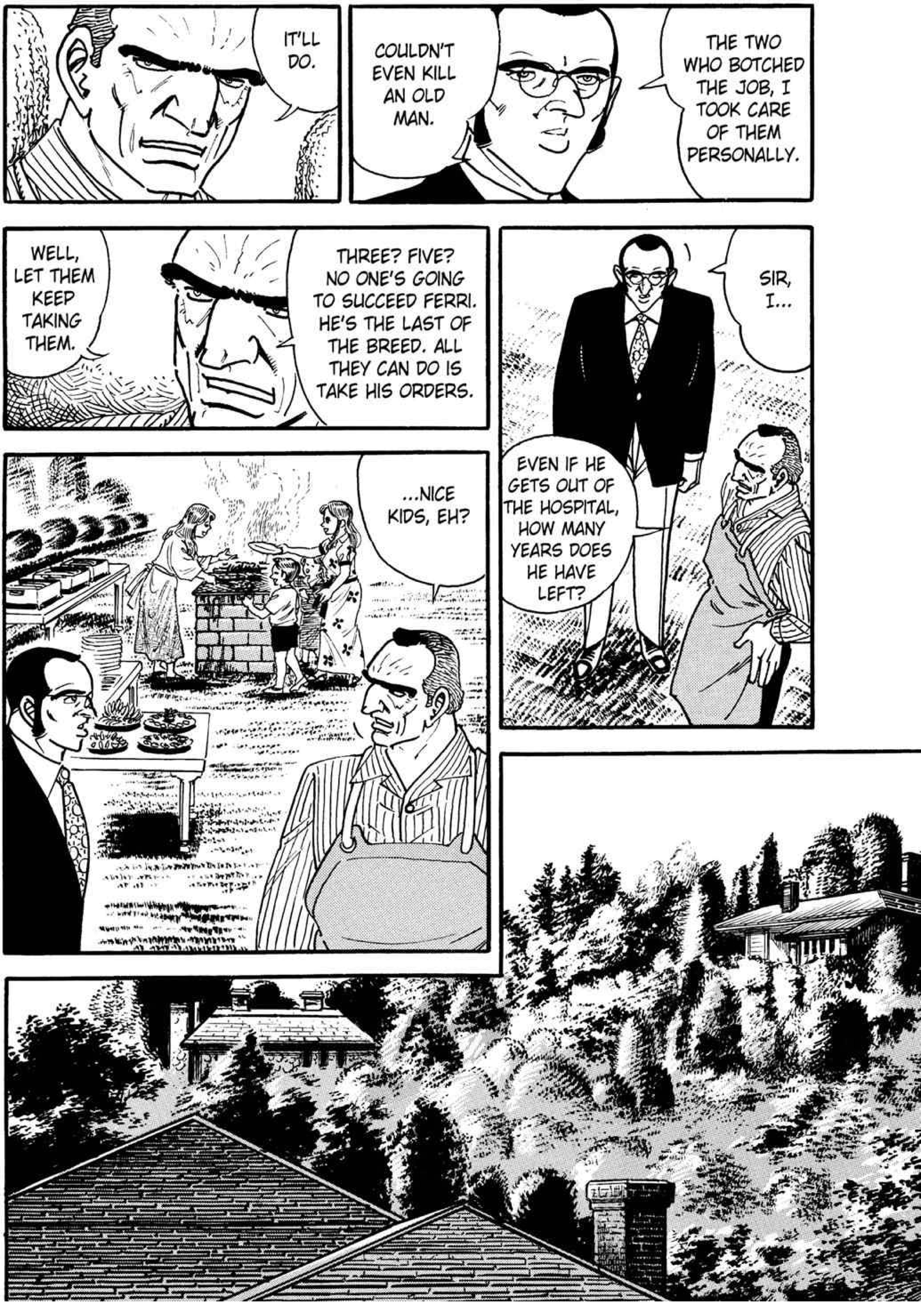
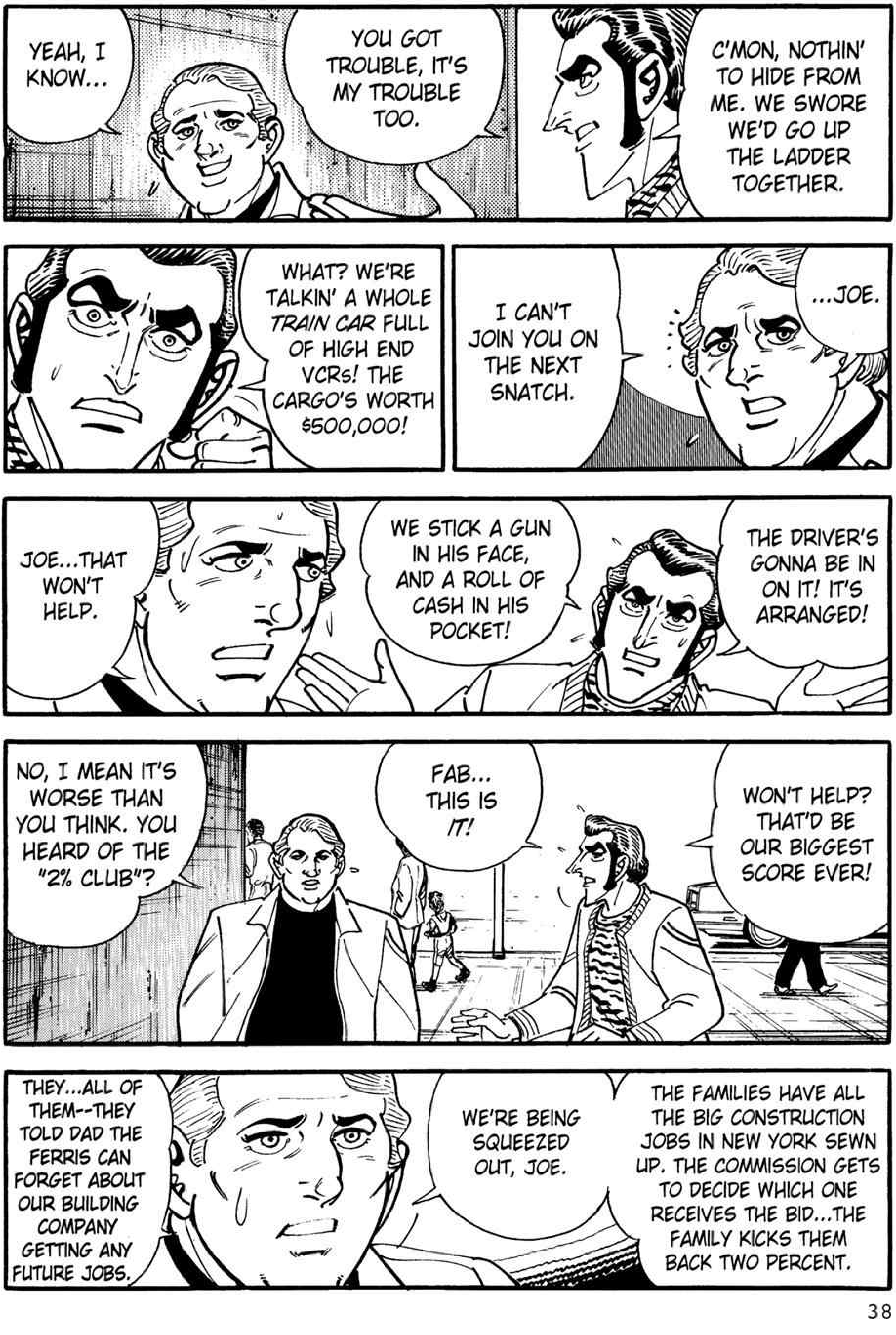
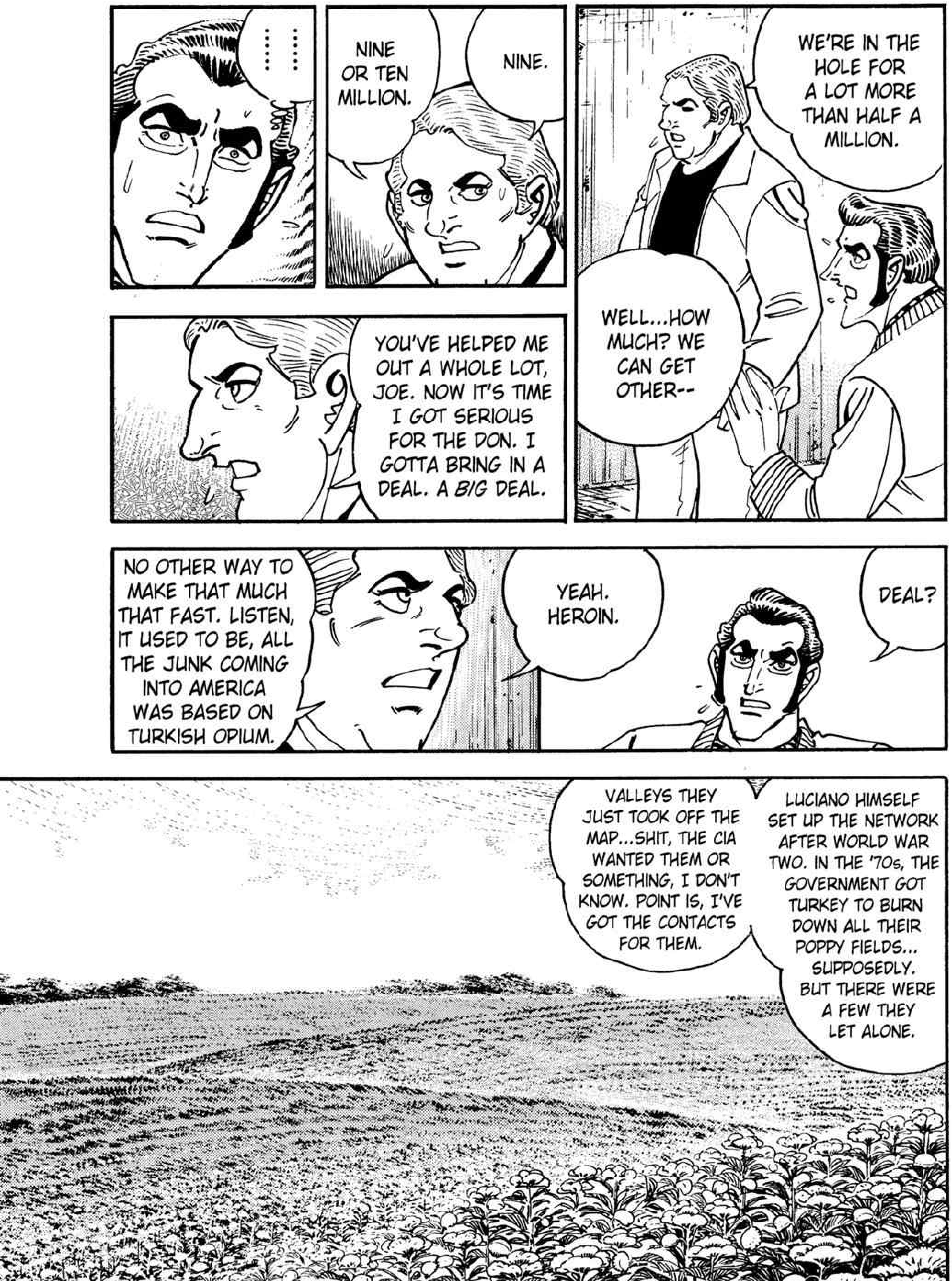
WELL?
HE LIVED.


THE TWO WHO BOTCHED THE JOB, I TOOK CARE OF THEM PERSONALLY.
COULDN'T EVEN KILL AN OLD MAN.
IT'LL DO.
SIR, I...
EVEN IF HE GETS OUT OF THE HOSPITAL, HOW MANY YEARS DOES HE HAVE LEFT?
THREE? FIVE? NO ONE'S GOING TO SUCCEED FERRI. HE'S THE LAST OF THE BREED. ALL THEY CAN DO IS TAKE HIS ORDERS.
WELL, LET THEM KEEP TAKING THEM.
...NICE KIDS, EH?

TAKES ME BACK.
YEAH... REALLY...
WHAT'S UP, FAB?
UM...


C'MON, NOTHIN' TO HIDE FROM ME. WE SWORE WE'D GO UP THE LADDER TOGETHER.
YOU GOT TROUBLE, IT'S MY TROUBLE TOO.
YEAH, I KNOW...
...JOE.
I CAN'T JOIN YOU ON THE NEXT SNATCH.
WHAT? WE'RE TALKIN' A WHOLE *TRAIN CAR* FULL OF HIGH END VCRs! THE CARGO'S WORTH $500,000!
THE DRIVER'S GONNA BE IN ON IT! IT'S ARRANGED!
WE STICK A GUN IN HIS FACE, AND A ROLL OF CASH IN HIS POCKET!
JOE...THAT WON'T HELP.
WON'T HELP? THAT'D BE OUR BIGGEST SCORE EVER!
FAB... THIS IS *IT!*
NO, I MEAN IT'S WORSE THAN YOU THINK. YOU HEARD OF THE "2% CLUB"?
THE FAMILIES HAVE ALL THE BIG CONSTRUCTION JOBS IN NEW YORK SEWN UP. THE COMMISSION GETS TO DECIDE WHICH ONE RECEIVES THE BID...THE FAMILY KICKS THEM BACK TWO PERCENT.
WE'RE BEING SQUEEZED OUT, JOE.
THEY...ALL OF THEM--THEY TOLD DAD THE FERRIS CAN FORGET ABOUT OUR BUILDING COMPANY GETTING ANY FUTURE JOBS.


WE'RE IN THE HOLE FOR A LOT MORE THAN HALF A MILLION.
WELL...HOW MUCH? WE CAN GET OTHER--
NINE.
NINE OR TEN MILLION.
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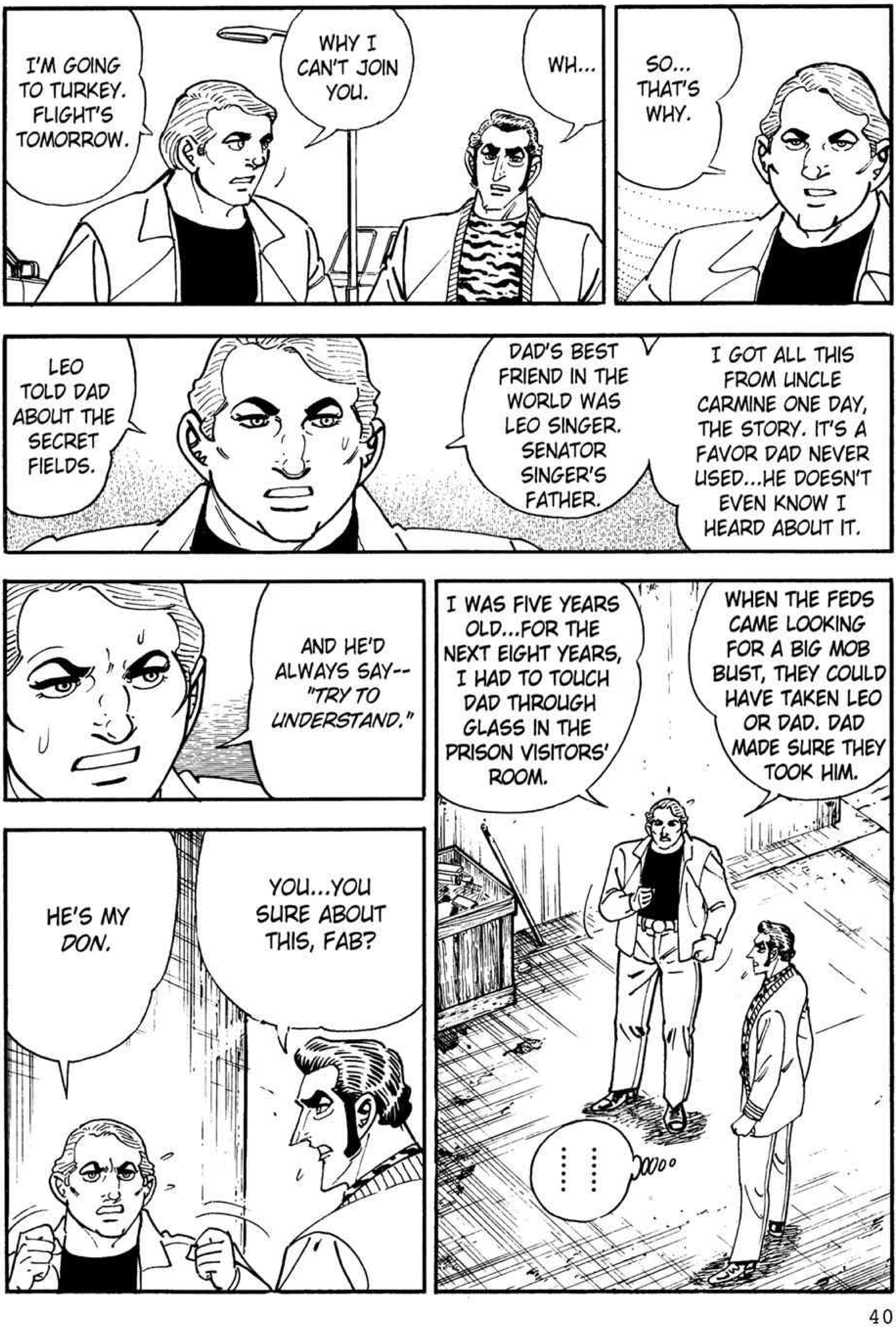
YOU'VE HELPED ME OUT A WHOLE LOT, JOE. NOW IT'S TIME I GOT SERIOUS FOR THE DON. I GOTTA BRING IN A DEAL. A *BIG* DEAL.
DEAL?
YEAH. HEROIN.
NO OTHER WAY TO MAKE THAT MUCH THAT FAST. LISTEN, IT USED TO BE, ALL THE JUNK COMING INTO AMERICA WAS BASED ON TURKISH OPIUM.
LUCIANO HIMSELF SET UP THE NETWORK AFTER WORLD WAR TWO. IN THE '70s, THE GOVERNMENT GOT TURKEY TO BURN DOWN ALL THEIR POPPY FIELDS... SUPPOSEDLY. BUT THERE WERE A FEW THEY LET ALONE.
VALLEYS THEY JUST TOOK OFF THE MAP...SHIT, THE CIA WANTED THEM OR SOMETHING, I DON'T KNOW. POINT IS, I'VE GOT THE CONTACTS FOR THEM.


SO... THAT'S WHY.
WH...
WHY I CAN'T JOIN YOU.
I'M GOING TO TURKEY. FLIGHT'S TOMORROW.
I GOT ALL THIS FROM UNCLE CARMINE ONE DAY, THE STORY. IT'S A FAVOR DAD NEVER USED...HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW I HEARD ABOUT IT.
DAD'S BEST FRIEND IN THE WORLD WAS LEO SINGER. SENATOR SINGER'S FATHER.
LEO TOLD DAD ABOUT THE SECRET FIELDS.
WHEN THE FEDS CAME LOOKING FOR A BIG MOB BUST, THEY COULD HAVE TAKEN LEO OR DAD. DAD MADE SURE THEY TOOK HIM.
I WAS FIVE YEARS OLD...FOR THE NEXT EIGHT YEARS, I HAD TO TOUCH DAD THROUGH GLASS IN THE PRISON VISITORS' ROOM.
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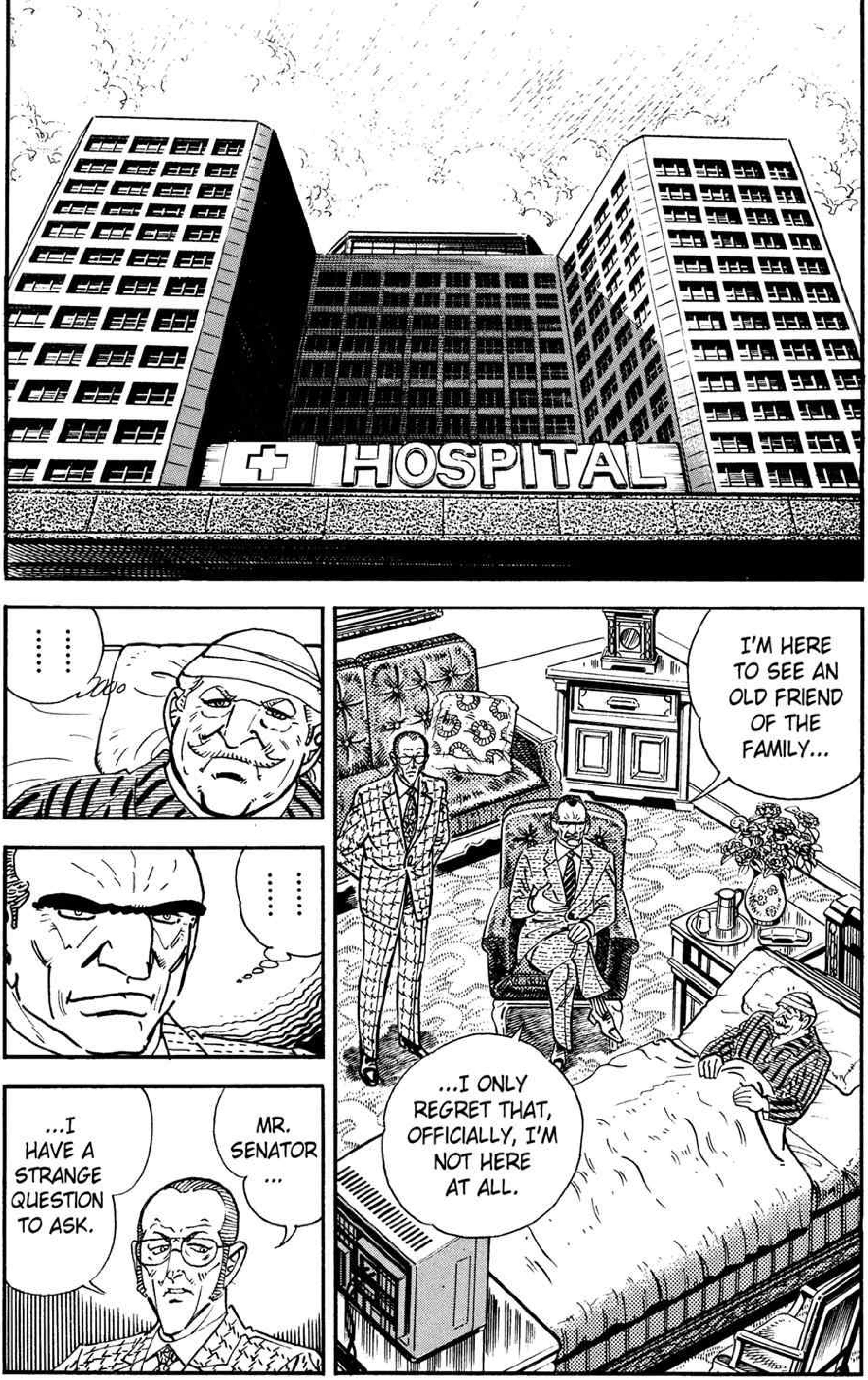
AND HE'D ALWAYS SAY-- *"TRY TO UNDERSTAND."*
YOU...YOU SURE ABOUT THIS, FAB?
HE'S MY *DON.*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I'M HERE TO SEE AN OLD FRIEND OF THE FAMILY...
...I ONLY REGRET THAT, OFFICIALLY, I'M NOT HERE AT ALL.
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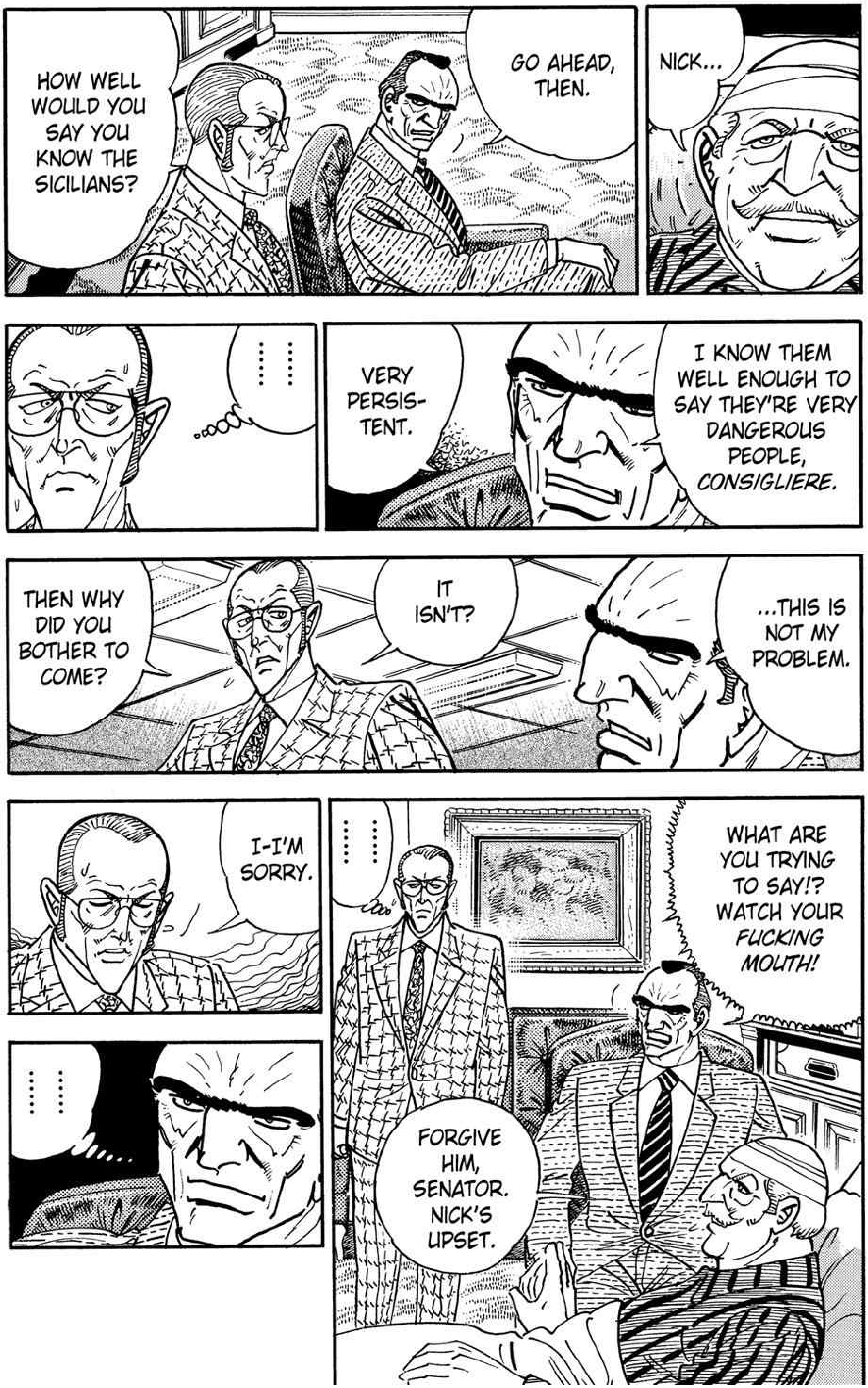
MR. SENATOR...
...I HAVE A STRANGE QUESTION TO ASK.


NICK...
GO AHEAD, THEN.
HOW WELL WOULD YOU SAY YOU KNOW THE SICILIANS?
I KNOW THEM WELL ENOUGH TO SAY THEY'RE VERY DANGEROUS PEOPLE, *CONSIGLIERE.*
VERY PERSIS-TENT.
......
...THIS IS NOT MY PROBLEM.
IT ISN'T?
THEN WHY DID YOU BOTHER TO COME?
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY!? WATCH YOUR *FUCKING* MOUTH!
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FORGIVE HIM, SENATOR. NICK'S UPSET.
I-I'M SORRY.
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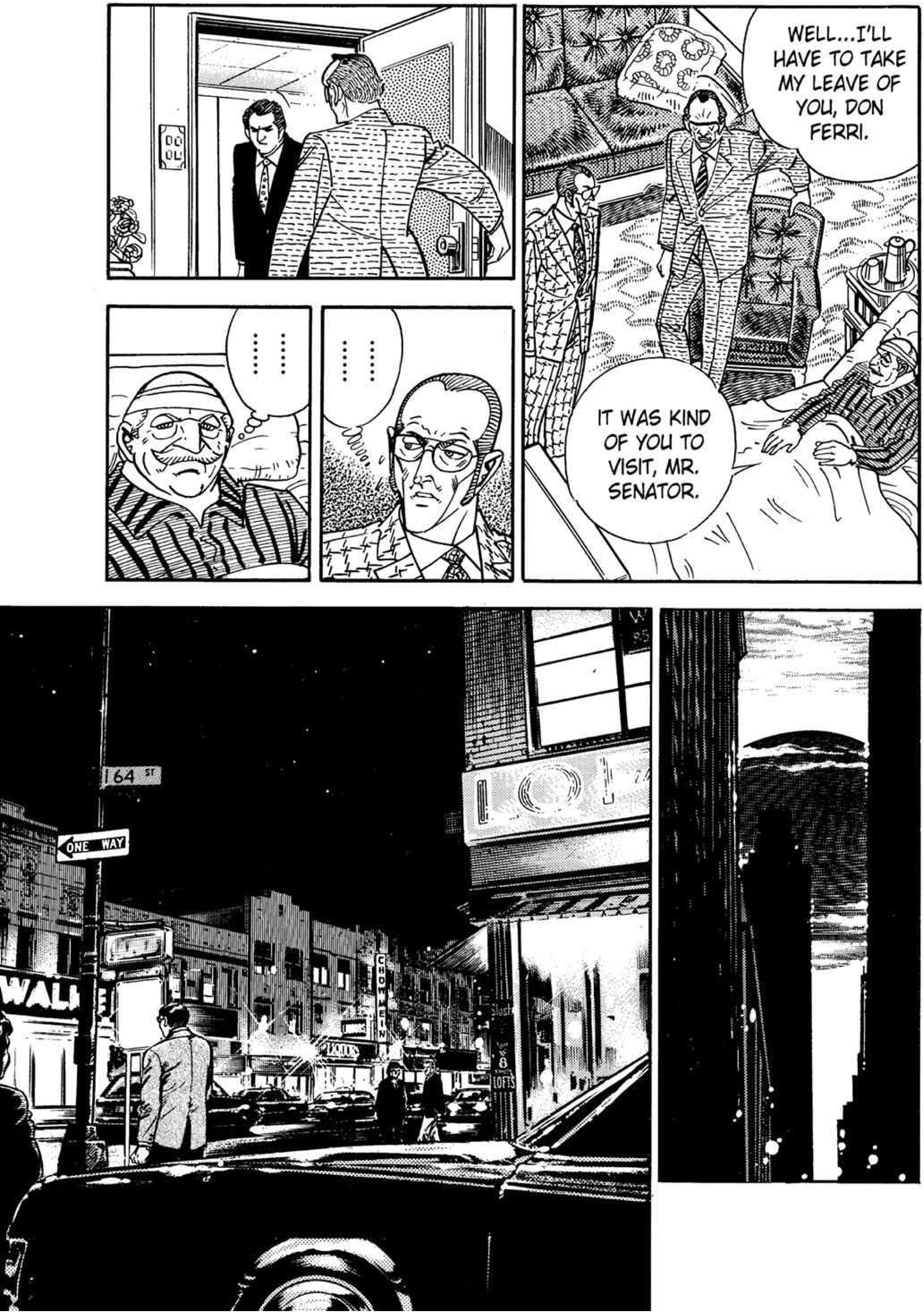
WELL...I'LL HAVE TO TAKE MY LEAVE OF YOU, DON FERRI.
IT WAS KIND OF YOU TO VISIT, MR. SENATOR.
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ONE WAY
WALK
CHOW MEIN
LIQUORS
LOFTS

WHISKY
BAR
!
TIME TO SPEND MY SAVINGS. A LITTLE START-UP MONEY, EH?
JOE!
JOE... I'LL PAY THIS ALL BACK.
OUT OF TEN MIL, IT WON'T HURT AT ALL.
RUBBER
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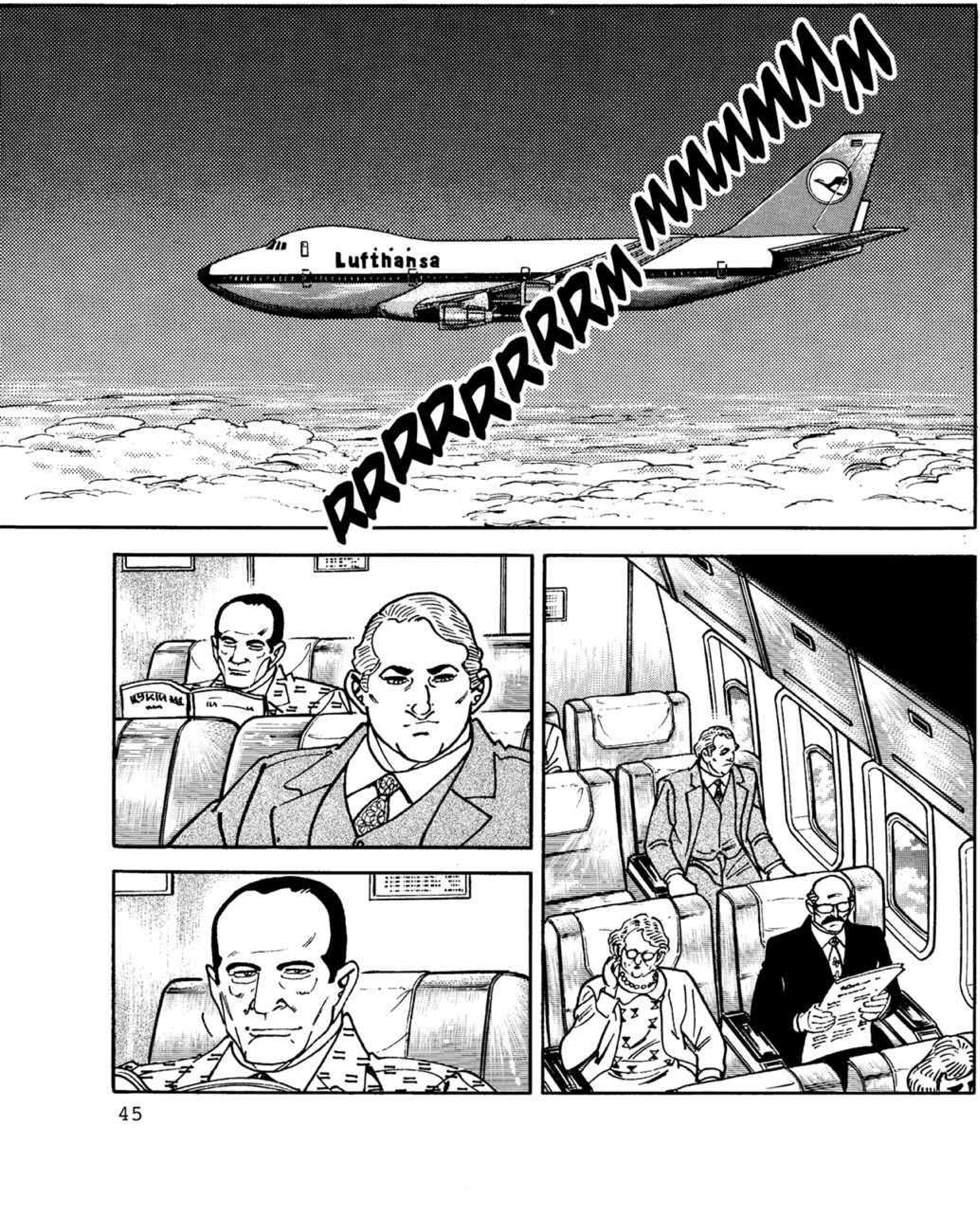
TEXCO

PART 6 OLD AND YOUNG MEN


Lufthansa
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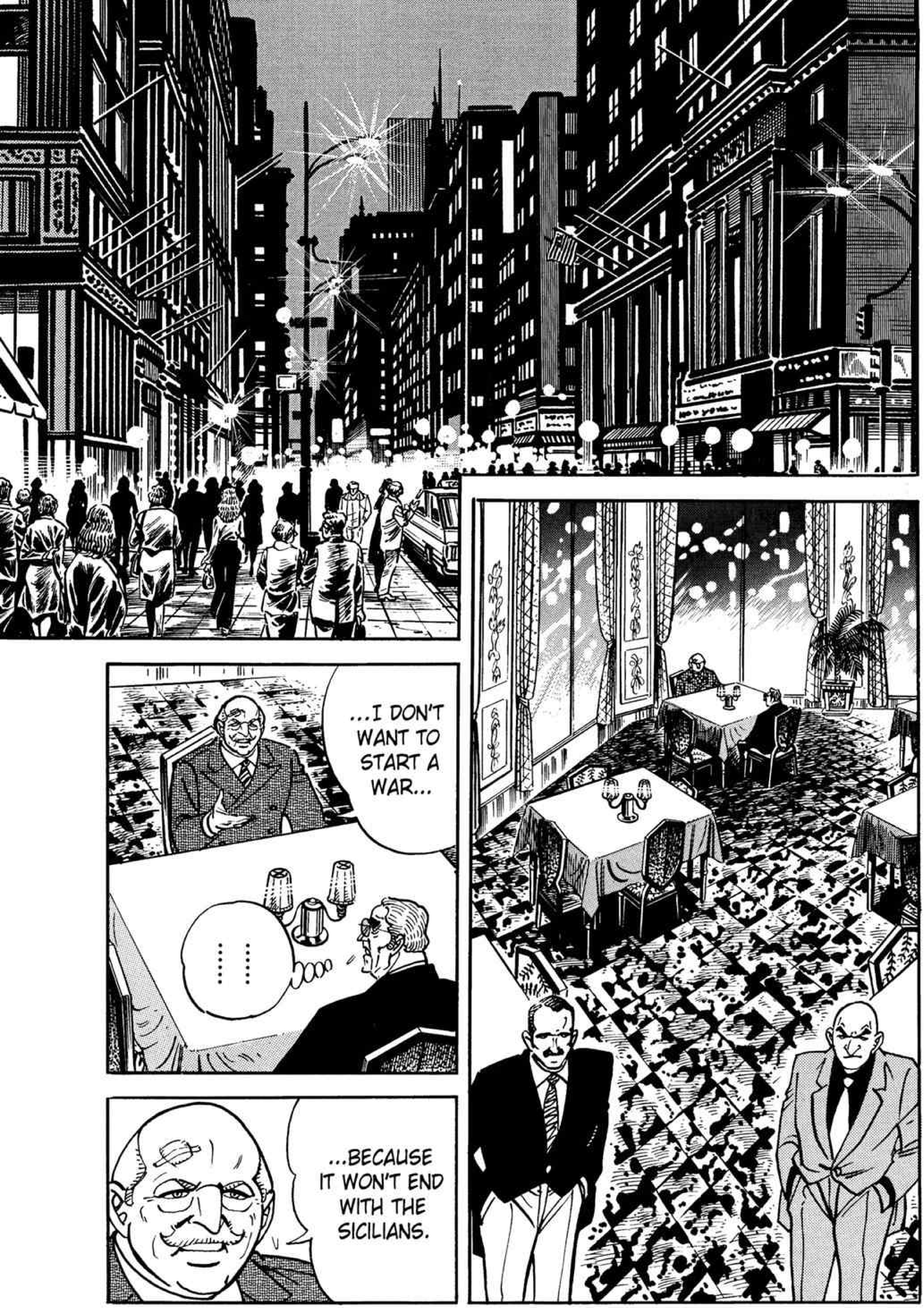
Istanbul, Turkey


...I DON'T WANT TO START A WAR...
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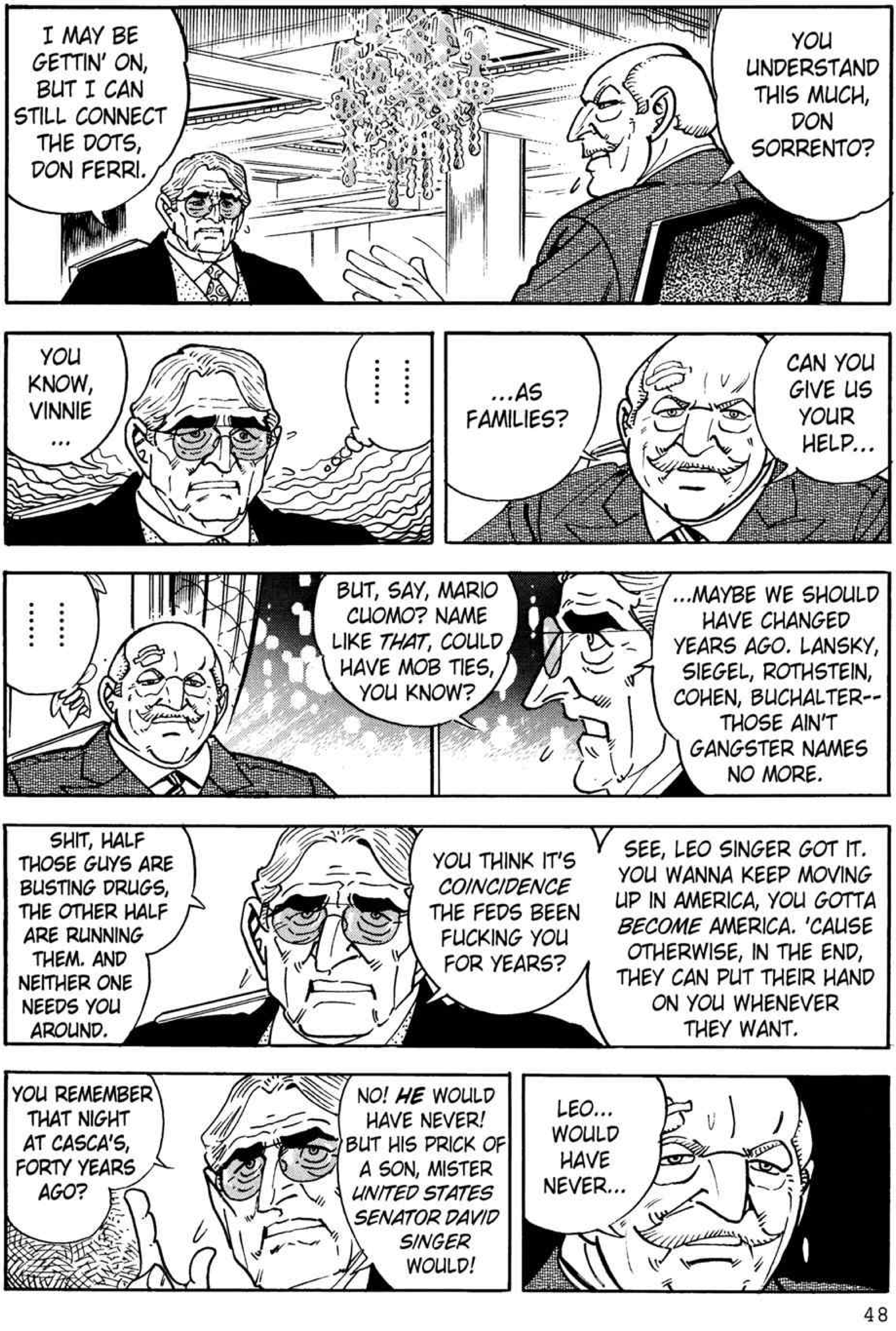
...BECAUSE IT WON'T END WITH THE SICILIANS.


I MAY BE GETTIN' ON, BUT I CAN STILL CONNECT THE DOTS, DON FERRI.
YOU UNDERSTAND THIS MUCH, DON SORRENTO?
YOU KNOW, VINNIE ...
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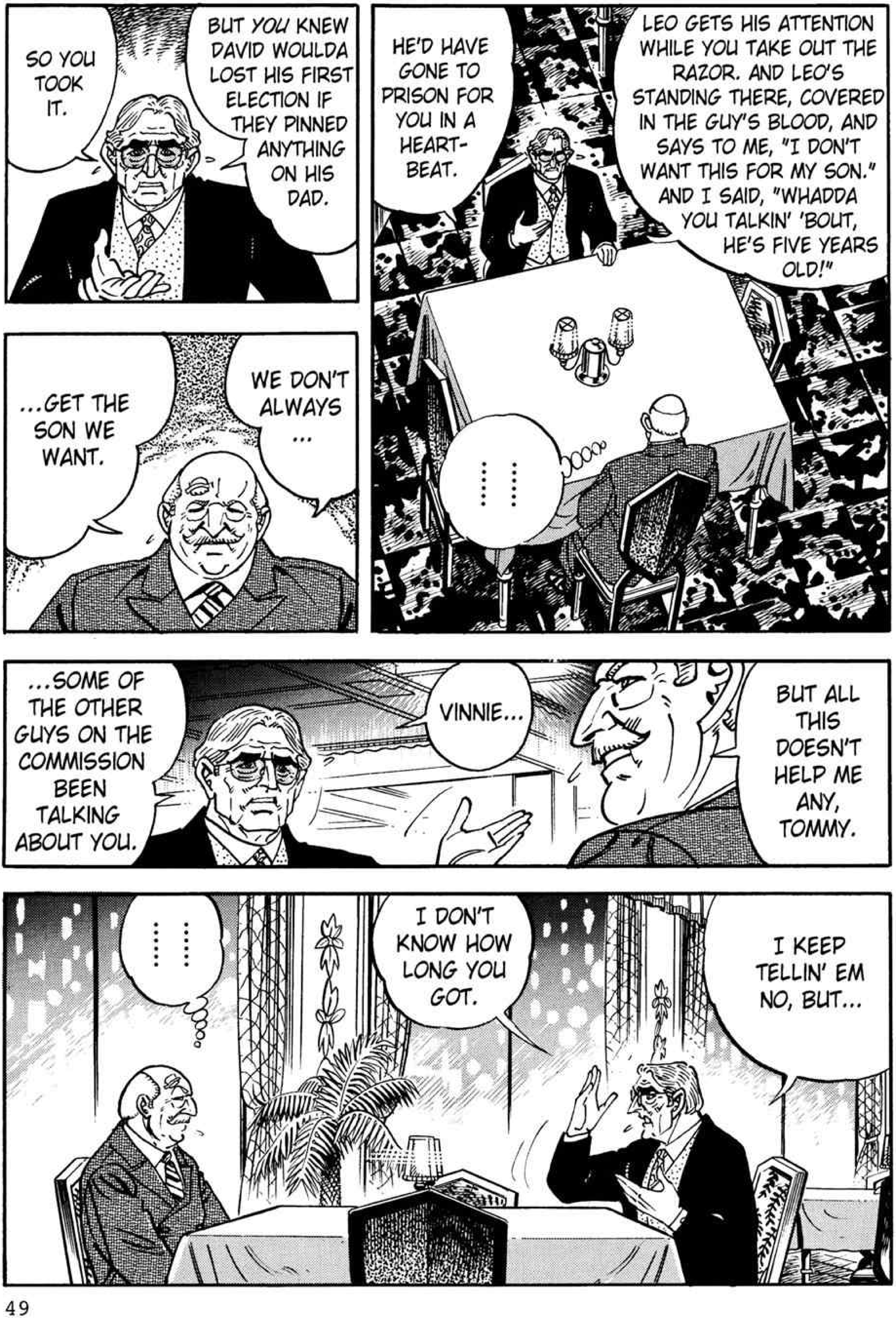
CAN YOU GIVE US YOUR HELP...
...AS FAMILIES?
......
BUT, SAY, MARIO CUOMO? NAME LIKE *THAT*, COULD HAVE MOB TIES, YOU KNOW?
...MAYBE WE SHOULD HAVE CHANGED YEARS AGO. LANSKY, SIEGEL, ROTHSTEIN, COHEN, BUCHALTER-- THOSE AIN'T GANGSTER NAMES NO MORE.
SHIT, HALF THOSE GUYS ARE BUSTING DRUGS, THE OTHER HALF ARE RUNNING THEM. AND NEITHER ONE NEEDS YOU AROUND.
YOU THINK IT'S *COINCIDENCE* THE FEDS BEEN FUCKING YOU FOR YEARS?
SEE, LEO SINGER GOT IT. YOU WANNA KEEP MOVING UP IN AMERICA, YOU GOTTA *BECOME* AMERICA. 'CAUSE OTHERWISE, IN THE END, THEY CAN PUT THEIR HAND ON YOU WHENEVER THEY WANT.
YOU REMEMBER THAT NIGHT AT CASCA'S, FORTY YEARS AGO?
NO! ***HE*** WOULD HAVE NEVER! BUT HIS PRICK OF A SON, MISTER *UNITED STATES SENATOR DAVID SINGER* WOULD!
LEO... WOULD HAVE NEVER...


LEO GETS HIS ATTENTION WHILE YOU TAKE OUT THE RAZOR. AND LEO'S STANDING THERE, COVERED IN THE GUY'S BLOOD, AND SAYS TO ME, "I DON'T WANT THIS FOR MY SON." AND I SAID, "WHADDA YOU TALKIN' 'BOUT, HE'S FIVE YEARS OLD!"
HE'D HAVE GONE TO PRISON FOR YOU IN A HEART-BEAT.
BUT *YOU* KNEW DAVID WOULDA LOST HIS FIRST ELECTION IF THEY PINNED ANYTHING ON HIS DAD.
SO YOU TOOK IT.
......
WE DON'T ALWAYS ...
...GET THE SON WE WANT.
BUT ALL THIS DOESN'T HELP ME ANY, TOMMY.
VINNIE...
...SOME OF THE OTHER GUYS ON THE COMMISSION BEEN TALKING ABOUT YOU.
I KEEP TELLIN' EM NO, BUT...
I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG YOU GOT.
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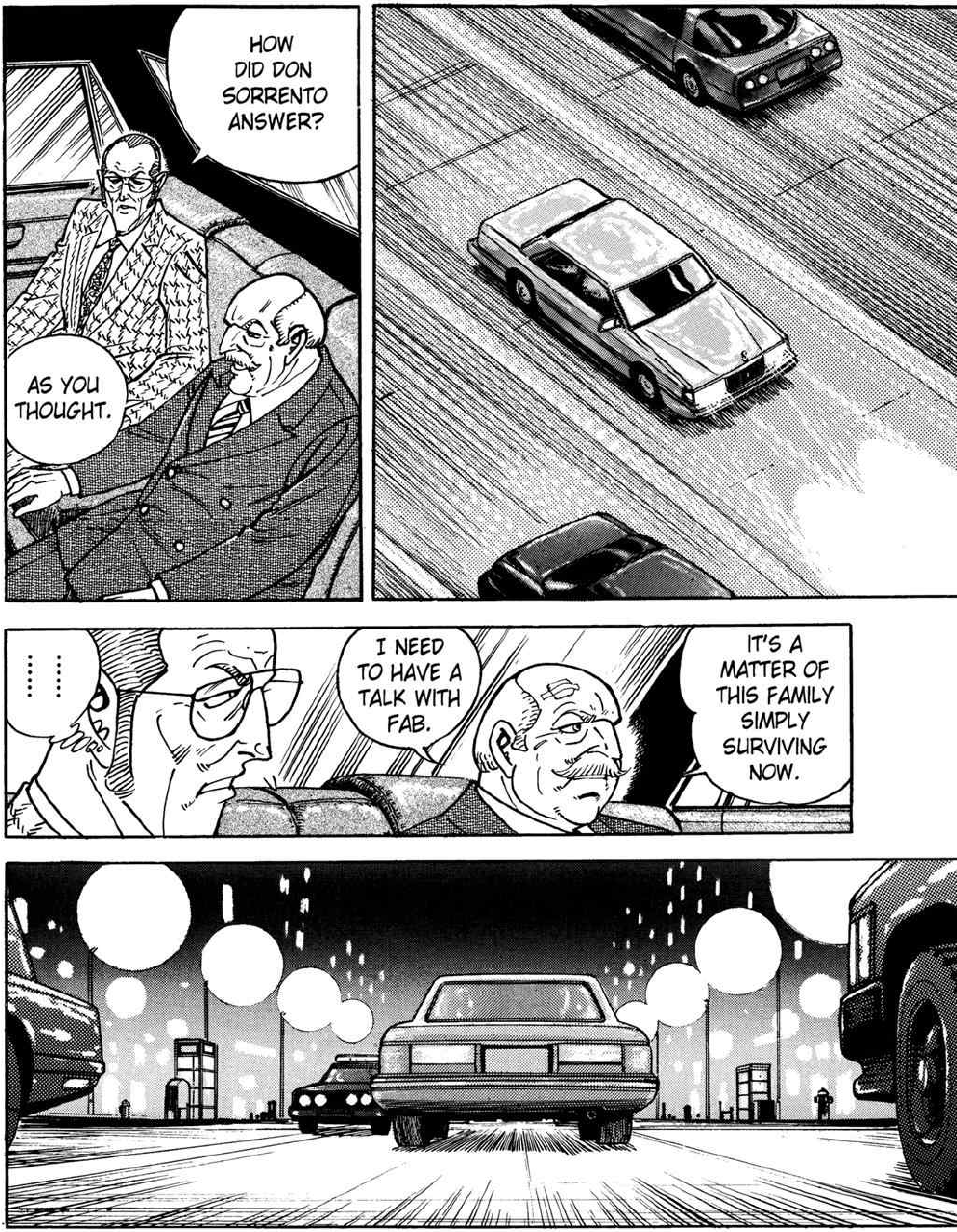
HOW DID DON SORRENTO ANSWER?
AS YOU THOUGHT.
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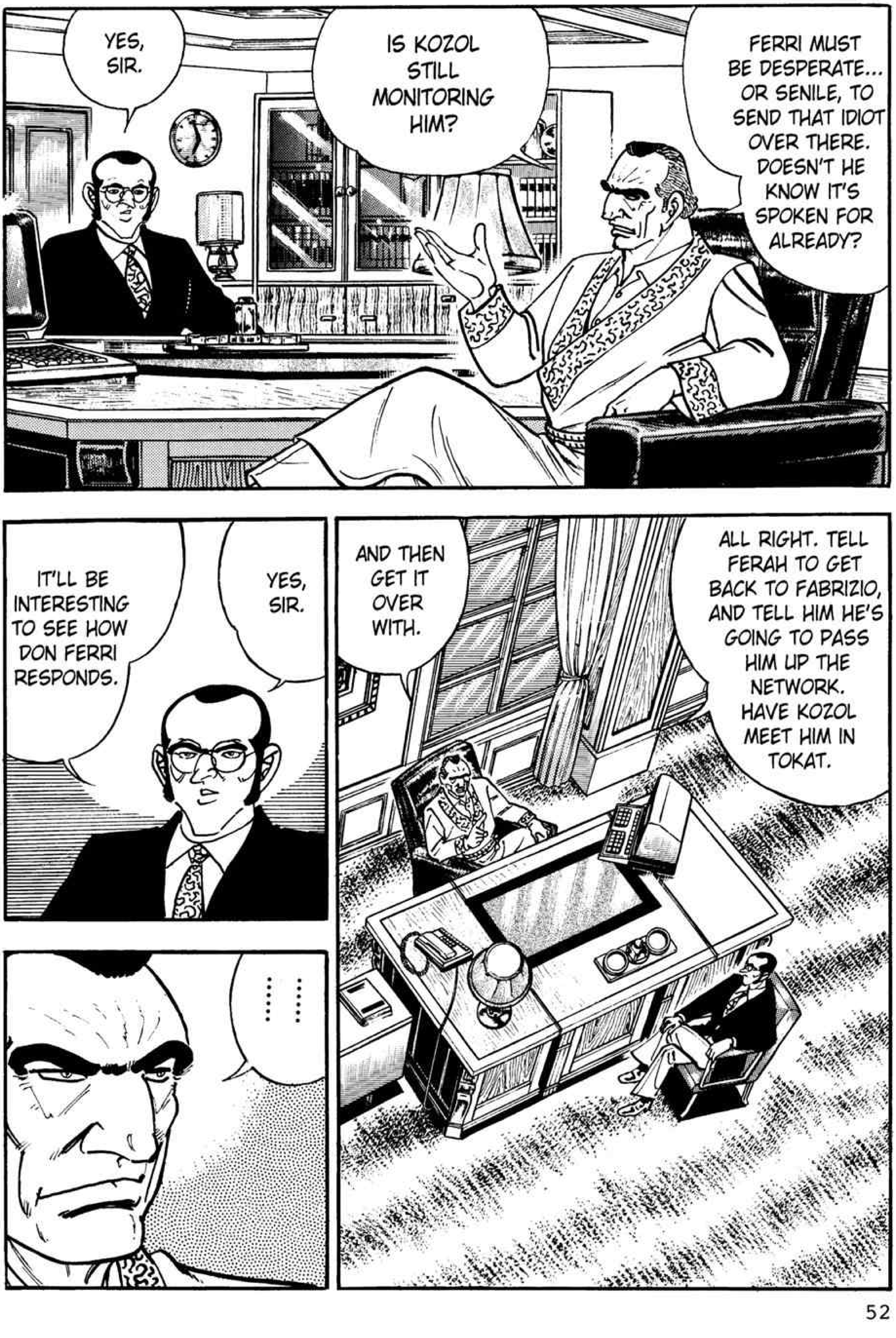
I NEED TO HAVE A TALK WITH FAB.
IT'S A MATTER OF THIS FAMILY SIMPLY SURVIVING NOW.

WELL? WHAT'S HE DOING?
HE PAID A CALL ON FERAH IN ISTANBUL.
HE OFFERED HIM FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR AN ENTRÉE TO OUR PEOPLE IN TOKAT. LAID OUT THE PROMISE OF MARKETS IN NEW YORK THROUGH THE FERRI FAMILY.


FERRI MUST BE DESPERATE... OR SENILE, TO SEND THAT IDIOT OVER THERE. DOESN'T HE KNOW IT'S SPOKEN FOR ALREADY?
IS KOZOL STILL MONITORING HIM?
YES, SIR.
ALL RIGHT. TELL FERAH TO GET BACK TO FABRIZIO, AND TELL HIM HE'S GOING TO PASS HIM UP THE NETWORK. HAVE KOZOL MEET HIM IN TOKAT.
AND THEN GET IT OVER WITH.
YES, SIR.
IT'LL BE INTERESTING TO SEE HOW DON FERRI RESPONDS.
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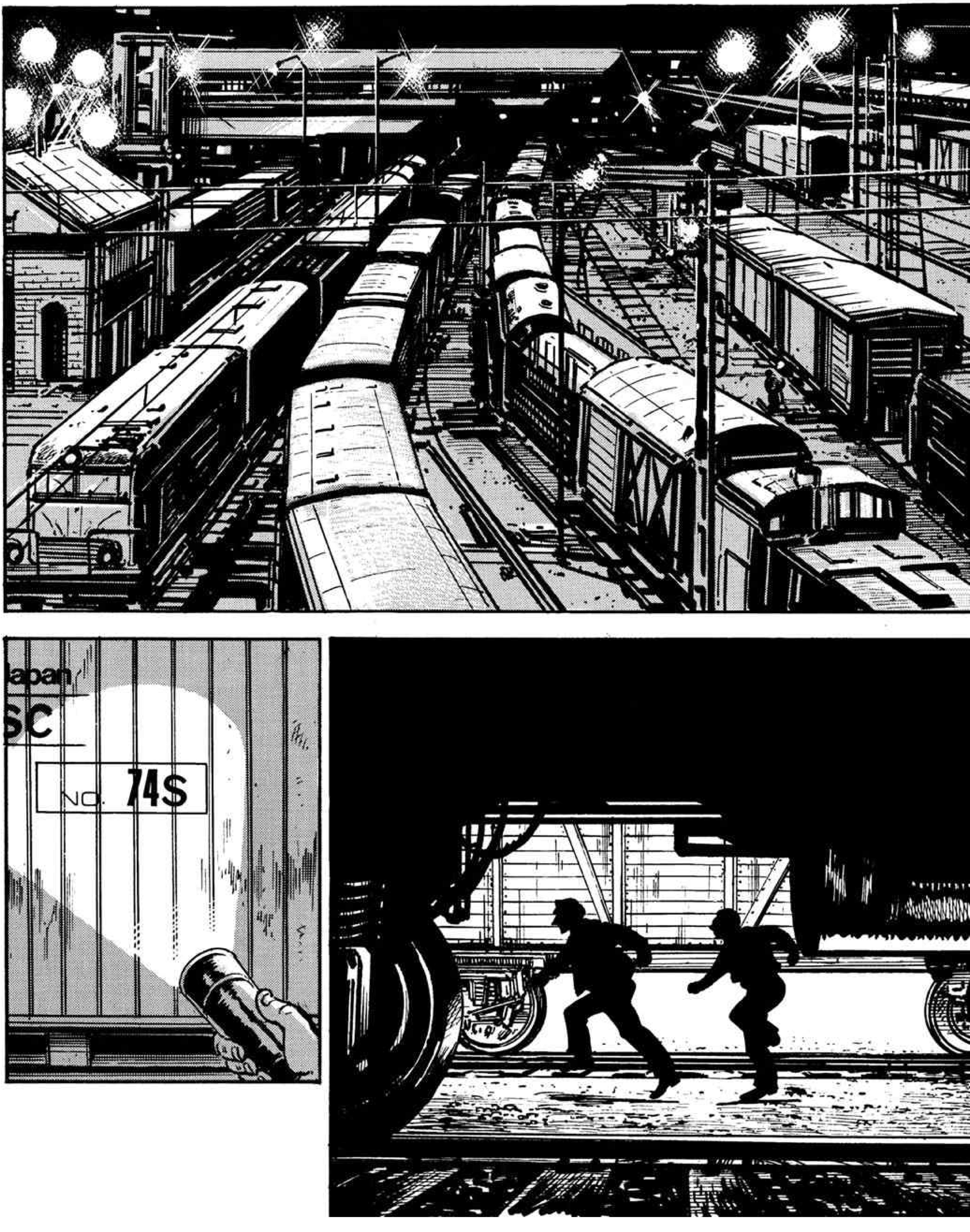
PART 7

EASY MONEY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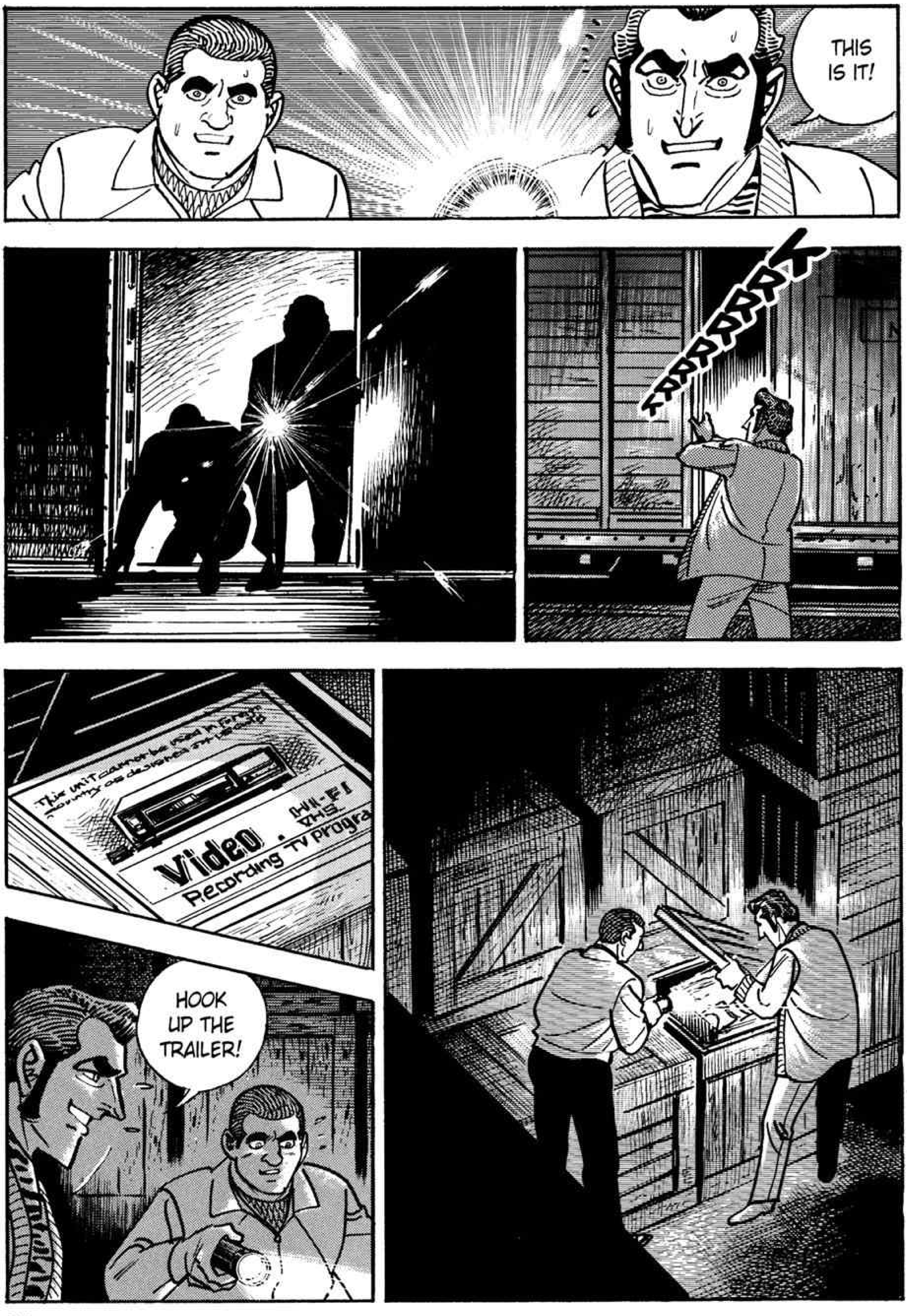
THIS IS IT!
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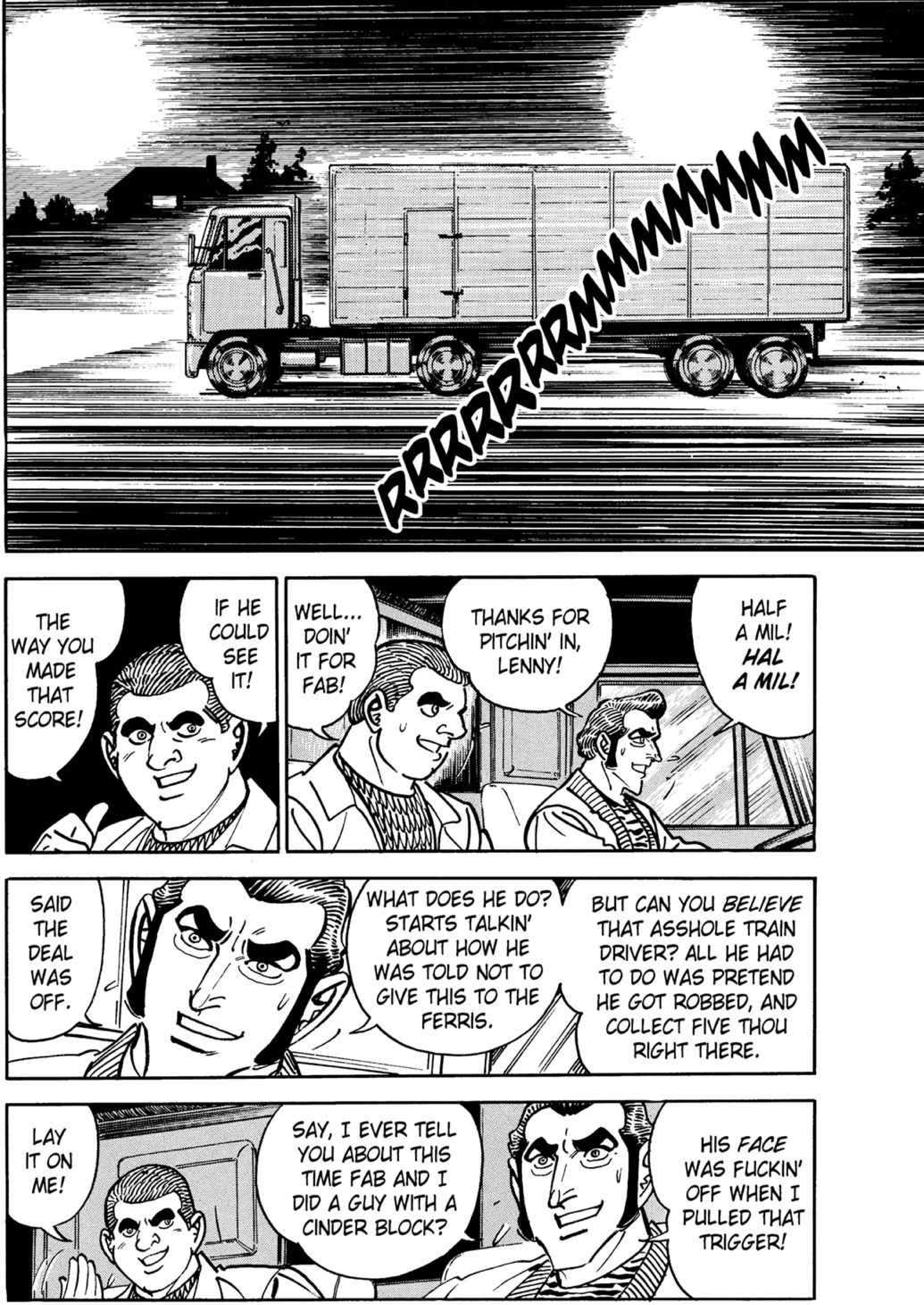
HOOK UP THE TRAILER!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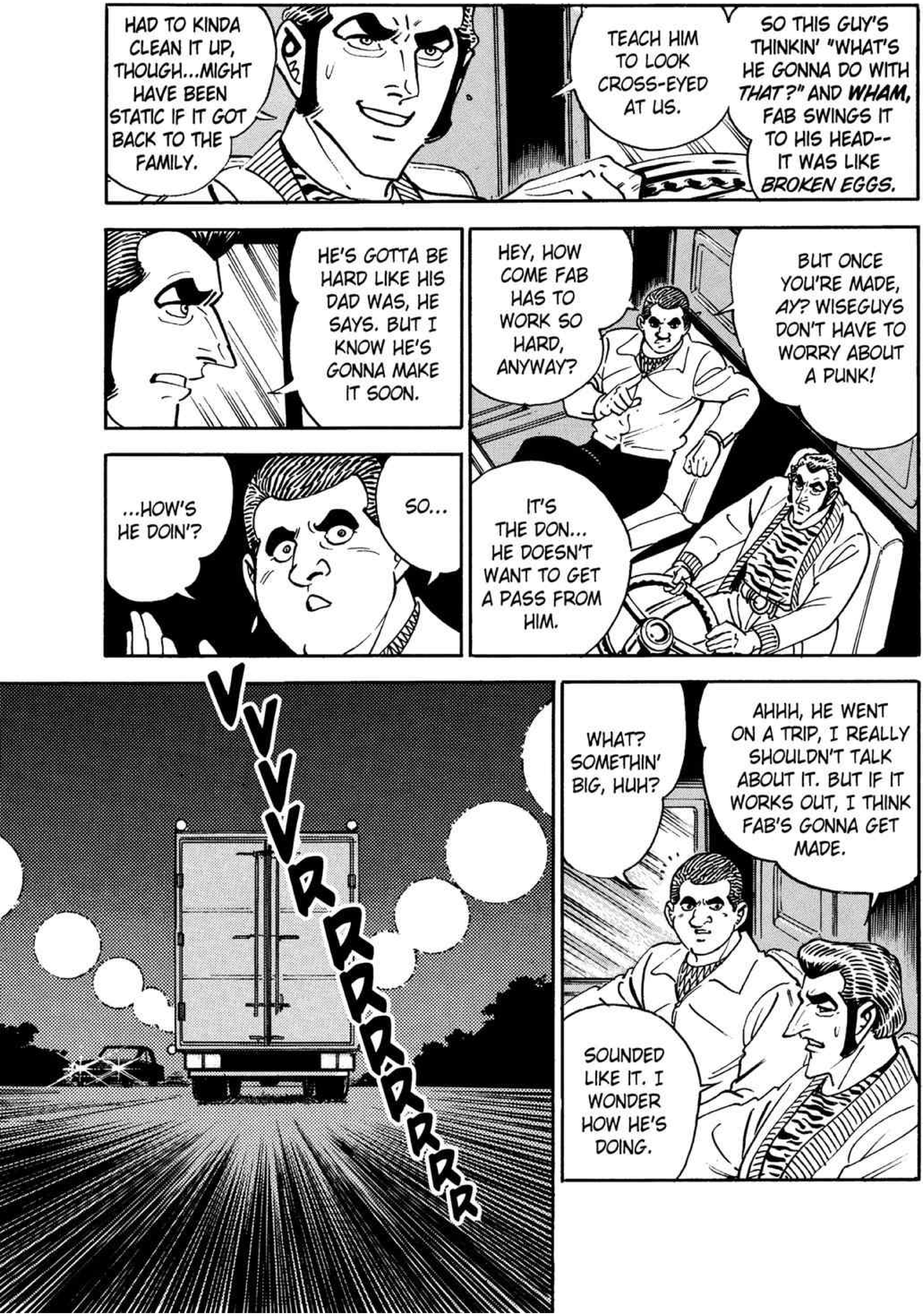
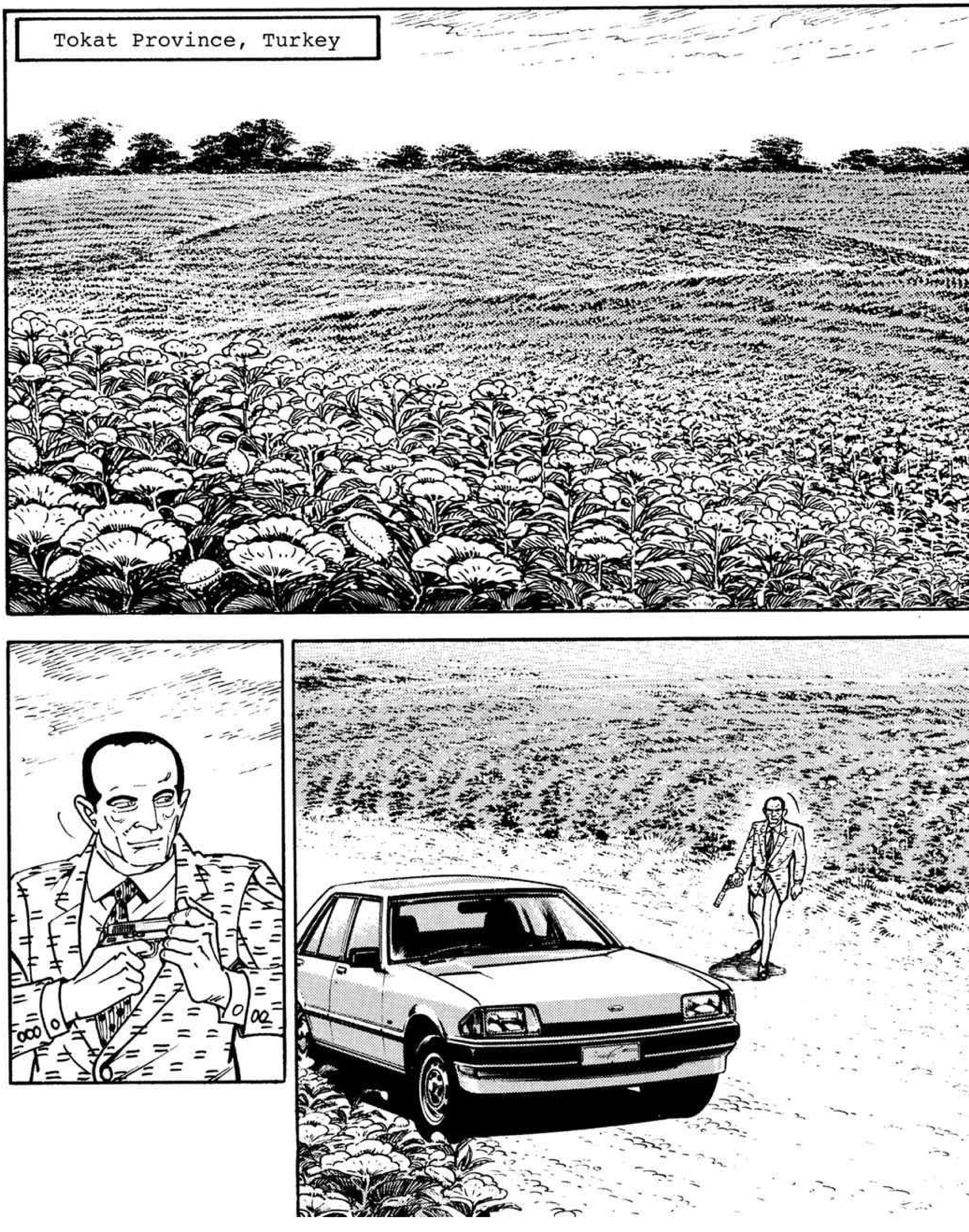
HALF A MIL! ***HAL A MIL!***
THANKS FOR PITCHIN' IN, LENNY!
WELL... DOIN' IT FOR FAB!
IF HE COULD SEE IT!
THE WAY YOU MADE THAT SCORE!
BUT CAN YOU *BELIEVE* THAT ASSHOLE TRAIN DRIVER? ALL HE HAD TO DO WAS PRETEND HE GOT ROBBED, AND COLLECT FIVE THOU RIGHT THERE.
WHAT DOES HE DO? STARTS TALKIN' ABOUT HOW HE WAS TOLD NOT TO GIVE THIS TO THE FERRIS.
SAID THE DEAL WAS OFF.
HIS *FACE* WAS FUCKIN' OFF WHEN I PULLED THAT TRIGGER!
SAY, I EVER TELL YOU ABOUT THIS TIME FAB AND I DID A GUY WITH A CINDER BLOCK?
LAY IT ON ME!


SO THIS GUY'S THINKIN' "WHAT'S HE GONNA DO WITH *THAT?*" AND ***WHAM,*** FAB SWINGS IT TO HIS HEAD-- IT WAS LIKE *BROKEN EGGS.*
TEACH HIM TO LOOK CROSS-EYED AT US.
HAD TO KINDA CLEAN IT UP, THOUGH...MIGHT HAVE BEEN STATIC IF IT GOT BACK TO THE FAMILY.
BUT ONCE YOU'RE MADE, *AY?* WISEGUYS DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT A PUNK!
HEY, HOW COME FAB HAS TO WORK SO HARD, ANYWAY?
IT'S THE DON... HE DOESN'T WANT TO GET A PASS FROM HIM.
HE'S GOTTA BE HARD LIKE HIS DAD WAS, HE SAYS. BUT I KNOW HE'S GONNA MAKE IT SOON.
SO...
...HOW'S HE DOIN'?
AHHH, HE WENT ON A TRIP, I REALLY SHOULDN'T TALK ABOUT IT. BUT IF IT WORKS OUT, I THINK FAB'S GONNA GET MADE.
WHAT? SOMETHIN' BIG, HUH?
SOUNDED LIKE IT. I WONDER HOW HE'S DOING.
VVVVRRRRRRRR

PART 8 SOMNIFERUM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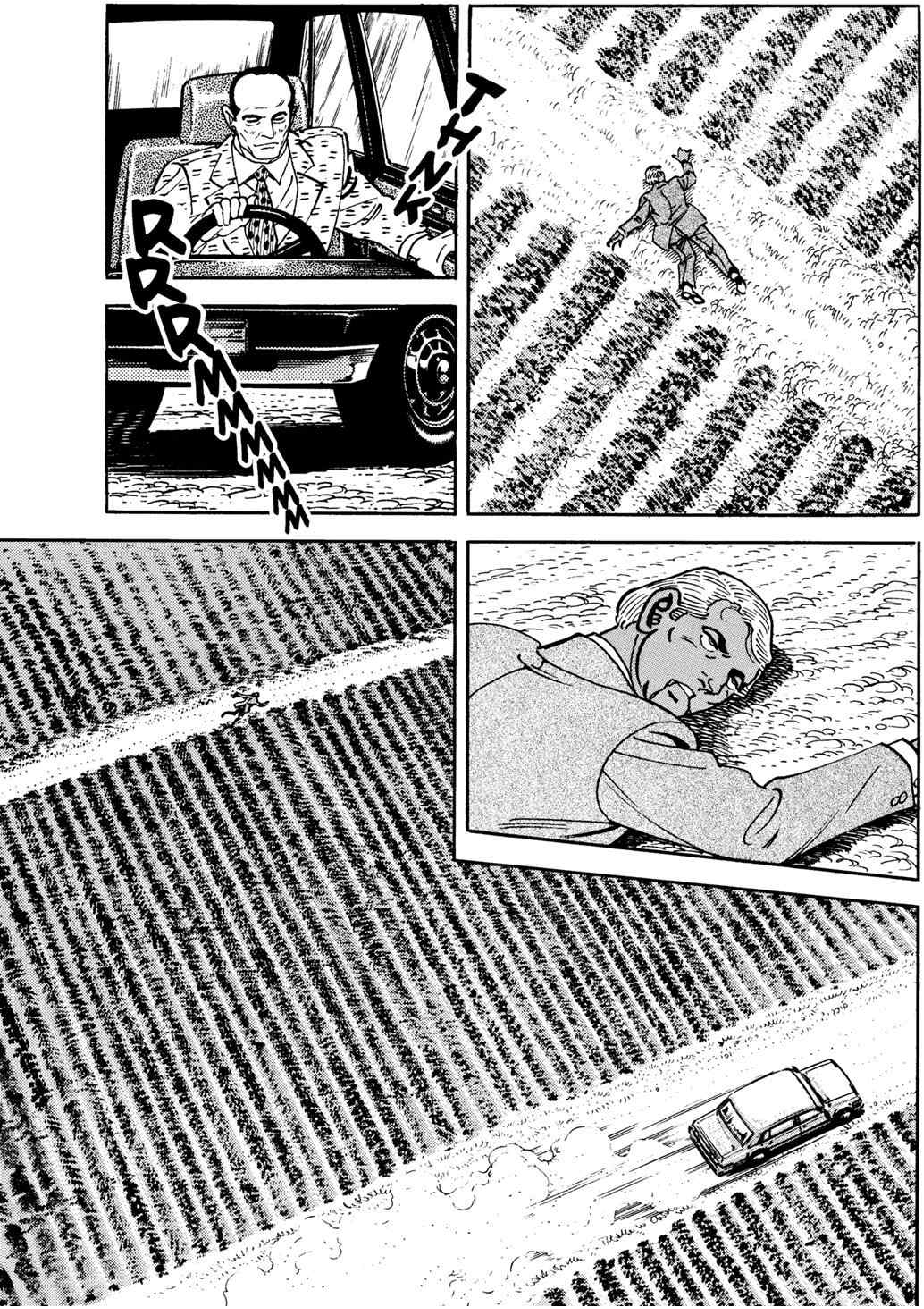
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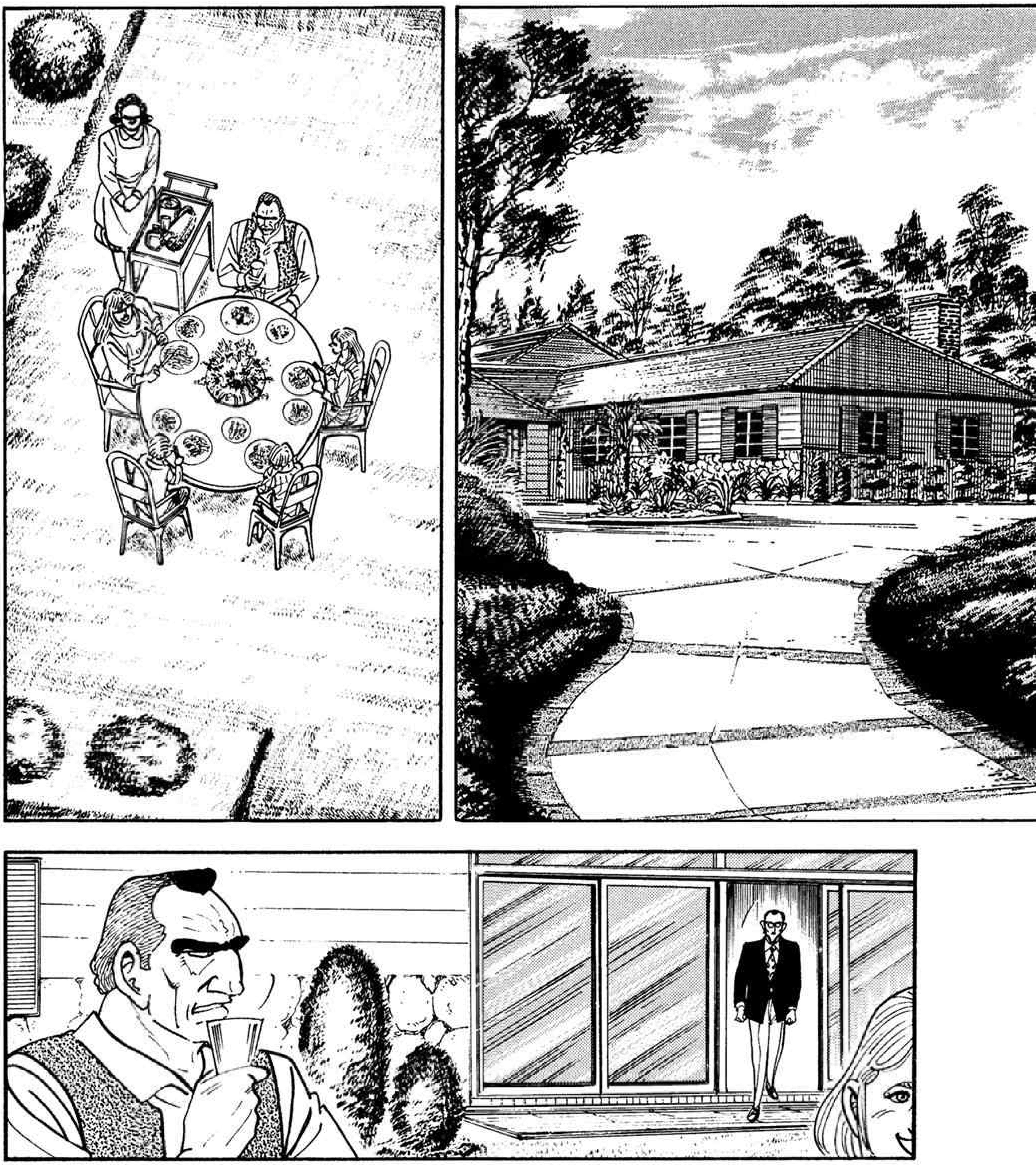
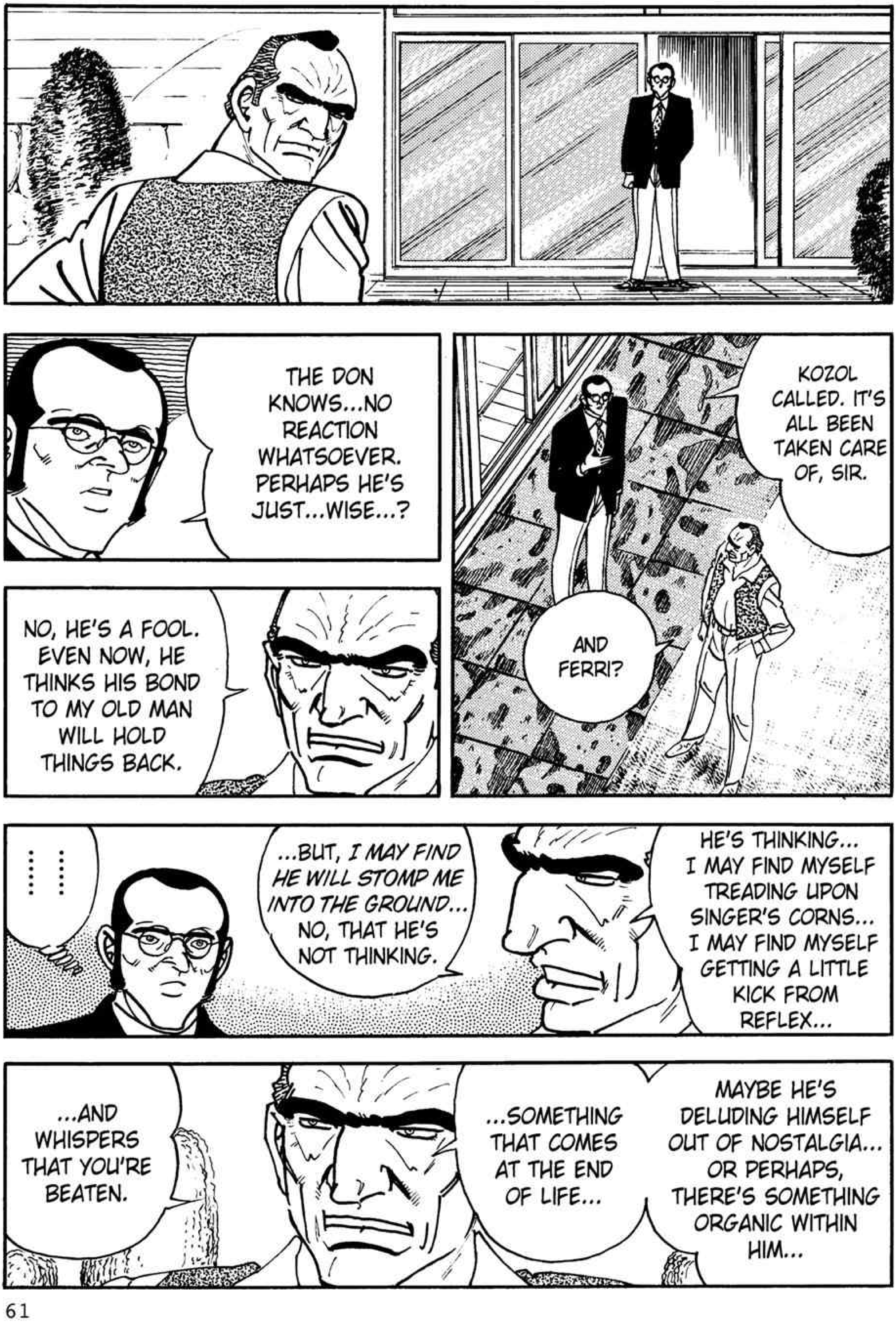
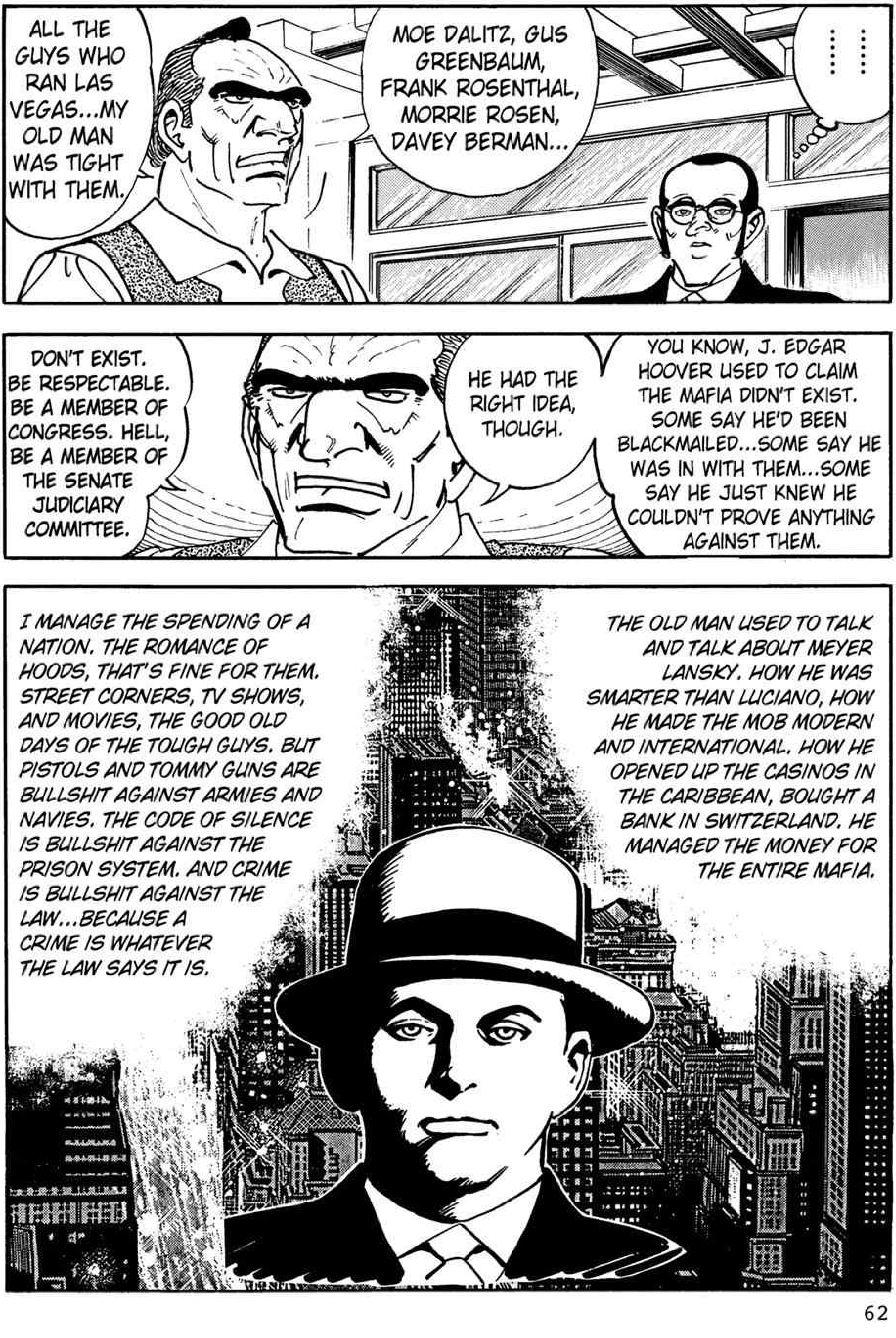
PART 9 ONE MISFORTUNE IS TOO FEW




KOZOL CALLED. IT'S ALL BEEN TAKEN CARE OF, SIR.
AND FERRI?
THE DON KNOWS...NO REACTION WHATSOEVER. PERHAPS HE'S JUST...WISE...?
NO, HE'S A FOOL. EVEN NOW, HE THINKS HIS BOND TO MY OLD MAN WILL HOLD THINGS BACK.
HE'S THINKING... I MAY FIND MYSELF TREADING UPON SINGER'S CORNS... I MAY FIND MYSELF GETTING A LITTLE KICK FROM REFLEX...
...BUT, *I MAY FIND HE WILL STOMP ME INTO THE GROUND*... NO, THAT HE'S NOT THINKING.
......
MAYBE HE'S DELUDING HIMSELF OUT OF NOSTALGIA... OR PERHAPS, THERE'S SOMETHING ORGANIC WITHIN HIM...
...SOMETHING THAT COMES AT THE END OF LIFE...
...AND WHISPERS THAT YOU'RE BEATEN.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MOE DALITZ, GUS GREENBAUM, FRANK ROSENTHAL, MORRIE ROSEN, DAVEY BERMAN…
ALL THE GUYS WHO RAN LAS VEGAS…MY OLD MAN WAS TIGHT WITH THEM.
YOU KNOW, J. EDGAR HOOVER USED TO CLAIM THE MAFIA DIDN'T EXIST. SOME SAY HE'D BEEN BLACKMAILED…SOME SAY HE WAS IN WITH THEM…SOME SAY HE JUST KNEW HE COULDN'T PROVE ANYTHING AGAINST THEM.
HE HAD THE RIGHT IDEA, THOUGH.
DON'T EXIST. BE RESPECTABLE. BE A MEMBER OF CONGRESS. HELL, BE A MEMBER OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.
THE OLD MAN USED TO TALK AND TALK ABOUT MEYER LANSKY. HOW HE WAS SMARTER THAN LUCIANO, HOW HE MADE THE MOB MODERN AND INTERNATIONAL. HOW HE OPENED UP THE CASINOS IN THE CARIBBEAN, BOUGHT A BANK IN SWITZERLAND. HE MANAGED THE MONEY FOR THE ENTIRE MAFIA.
I MANAGE THE SPENDING OF A NATION. THE ROMANCE OF HOODS, THAT'S FINE FOR THEM. STREET CORNERS, TV SHOWS, AND MOVIES, THE GOOD OLD DAYS OF THE TOUGH GUYS. BUT PISTOLS AND TOMMY GUNS ARE BULLSHIT AGAINST ARMIES AND NAVIES. THE CODE OF SILENCE IS BULLSHIT AGAINST THE PRISON SYSTEM. AND CRIME IS BULLSHIT AGAINST THE LAW…BECAUSE A CRIME IS WHATEVER THE LAW SAYS IT IS.

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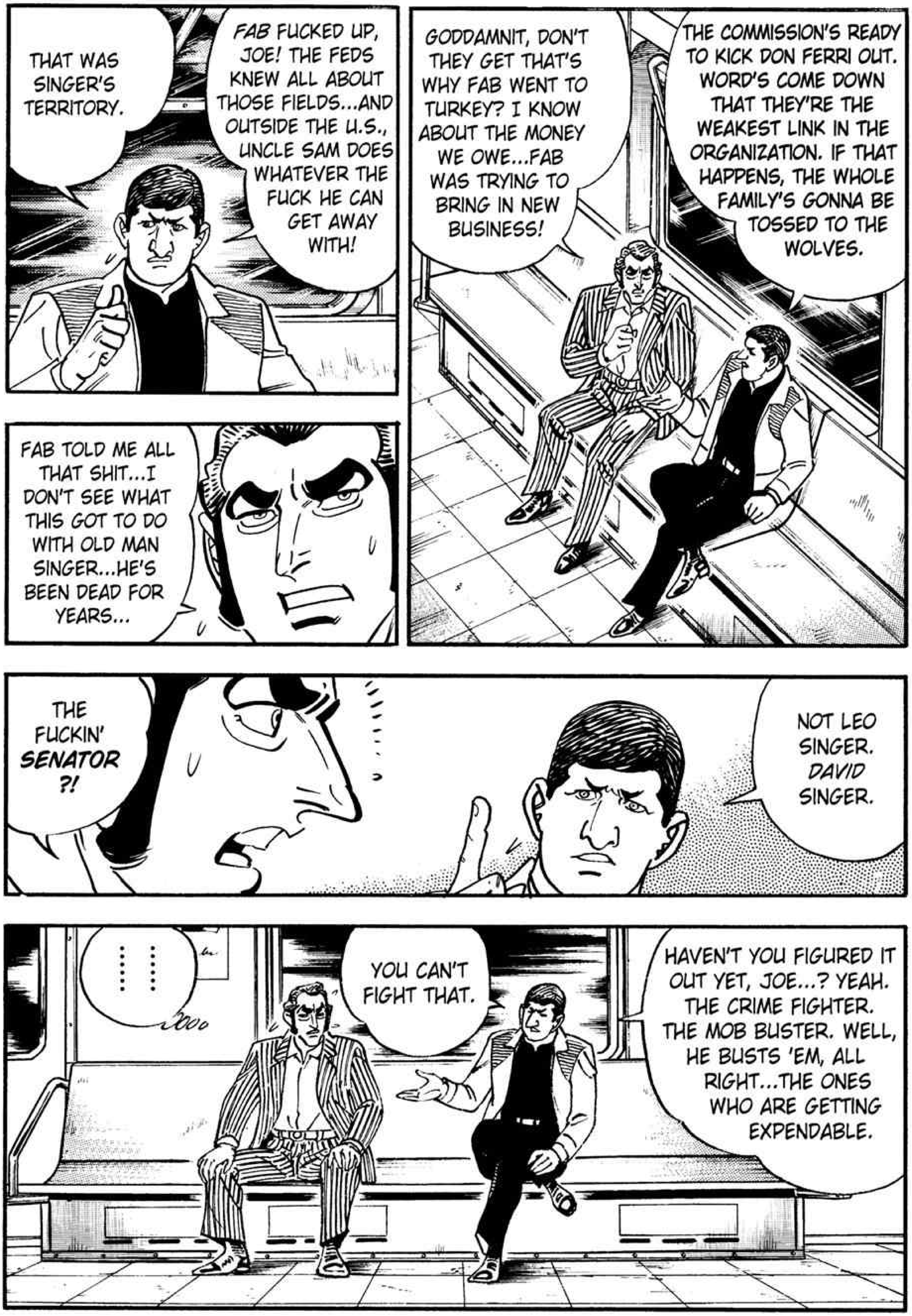
YEAH. JOE.
OH IT'S YOU. WHAT'S UP?
!!
WHAT?!
ARE YOU SURE?
FAB…?
THEY KILLED YOU?
JOE… WE GOTTA TALK.

CLAKKA CLAKKA CLAKKA CLAKKA
LISTEN, JOE...
THE SICILIANS? NO, THIS WASN'T ABOUT THEM. THIS IS ON A WHOLE OTHER LEVEL.
LISTEN TO *WHAT?*
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
LOOK...THE FERRIS ARE ON A KNIFE'S EDGE RIGHT NOW.
DON SORRENTO DOESN'T KNOW I'M TELLING YOU ALL THIS...BUT WE GO BACK. SO JUST *LISTEN,* OKAY?


THAT WAS SINGER'S TERRITORY.
FAB FUCKED UP, JOE! THE FEDS KNEW ALL ABOUT THOSE FIELDS...AND OUTSIDE THE U.S., UNCLE SAM DOES WHATEVER THE FUCK HE CAN GET AWAY WITH!
GODDAMNIT, DON'T THEY GET THAT'S WHY FAB WENT TO TURKEY? I KNOW ABOUT THE MONEY WE OWE...FAB WAS TRYING TO BRING IN NEW BUSINESS!
THE COMMISSION'S READY TO KICK DON FERRI OUT. WORD'S COME DOWN THAT THEY'RE THE WEAKEST LINK IN THE ORGANIZATION. IF THAT HAPPENS, THE WHOLE FAMILY'S GONNA BE TOSSED TO THE WOLVES.
FAB TOLD ME ALL THAT SHIT...I DON'T SEE WHAT THIS GOT TO DO WITH OLD MAN SINGER...HE'S BEEN DEAD FOR YEARS...
NOT LEO SINGER. *DAVID* SINGER.
THE FUCKIN' **SENATOR** ?!
HAVEN'T YOU FIGURED IT OUT YET, JOE...? YEAH. THE CRIME FIGHTER. THE MOB BUSTER. WELL, HE BUSTS 'EM, ALL RIGHT...THE ONES WHO ARE GETTING EXPENDABLE.
YOU CAN'T FIGHT THAT.
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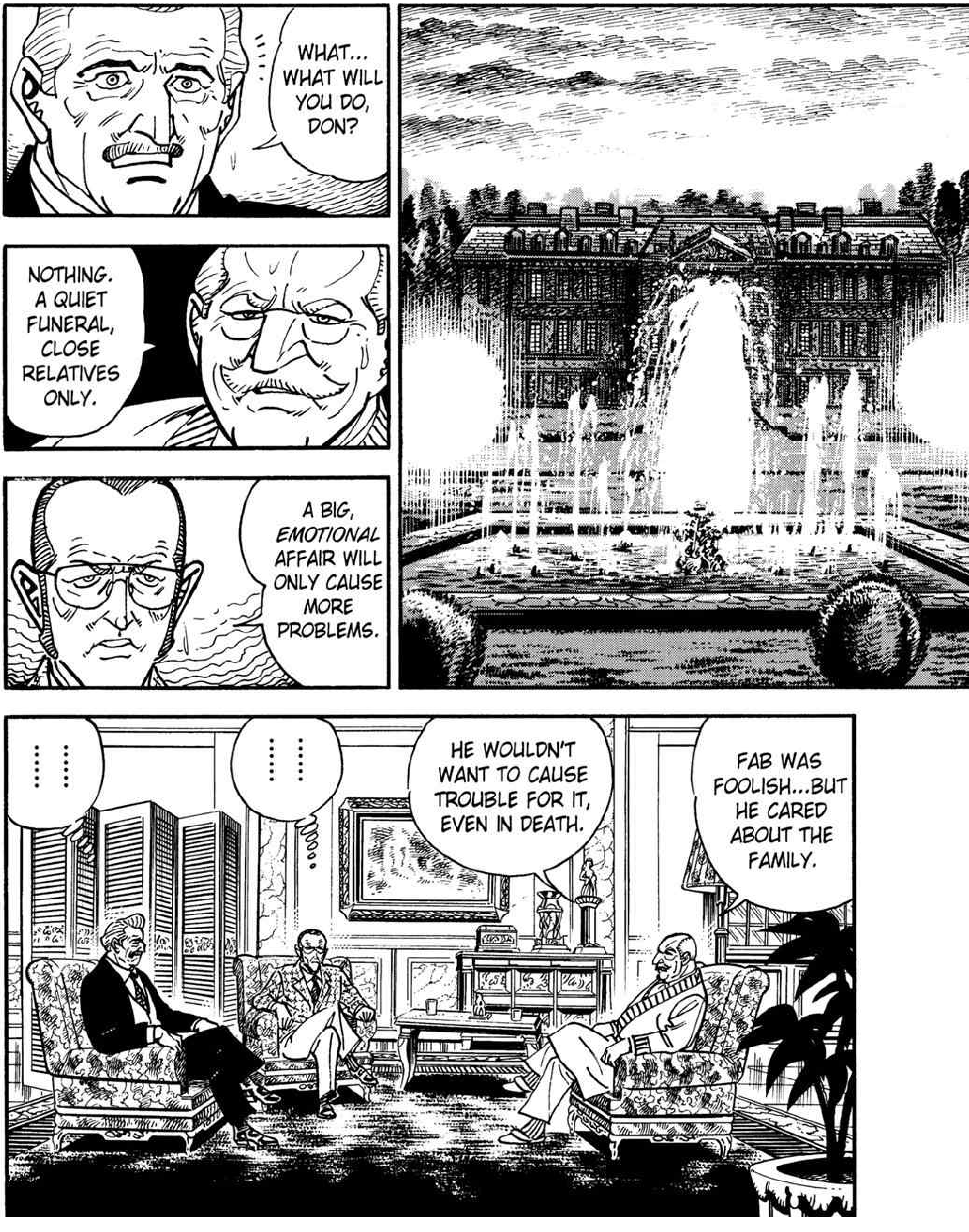
PART 10 LAW OF OBEDIENCE


WHAT... WHAT WILL YOU DO, DON?
NOTHING. A QUIET FUNERAL, CLOSE RELATIVES ONLY.
A BIG, *EMOTIONAL* AFFAIR WILL ONLY CAUSE MORE PROBLEMS.
FAB WAS FOOLISH...BUT HE CARED ABOUT THE FAMILY.
HE WOULDN'T WANT TO CAUSE TROUBLE FOR IT, EVEN IN DEATH.
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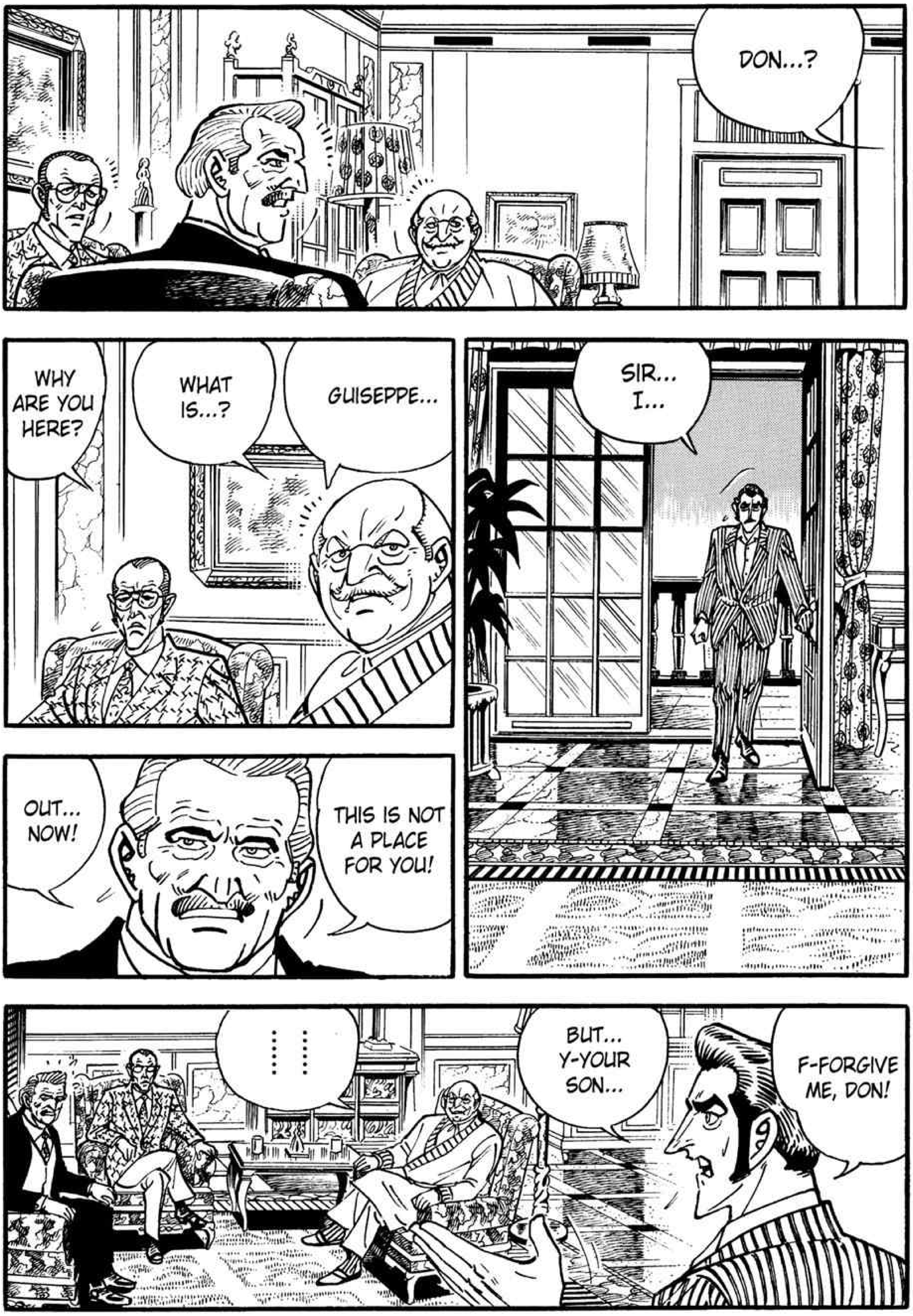
DON...?
SIR... I...
GUISEPPE...
WHAT IS...?
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
THIS IS NOT A PLACE FOR YOU!
OUT... NOW!
F-FORGIVE ME, DON!
BUT... Y-YOUR SON...
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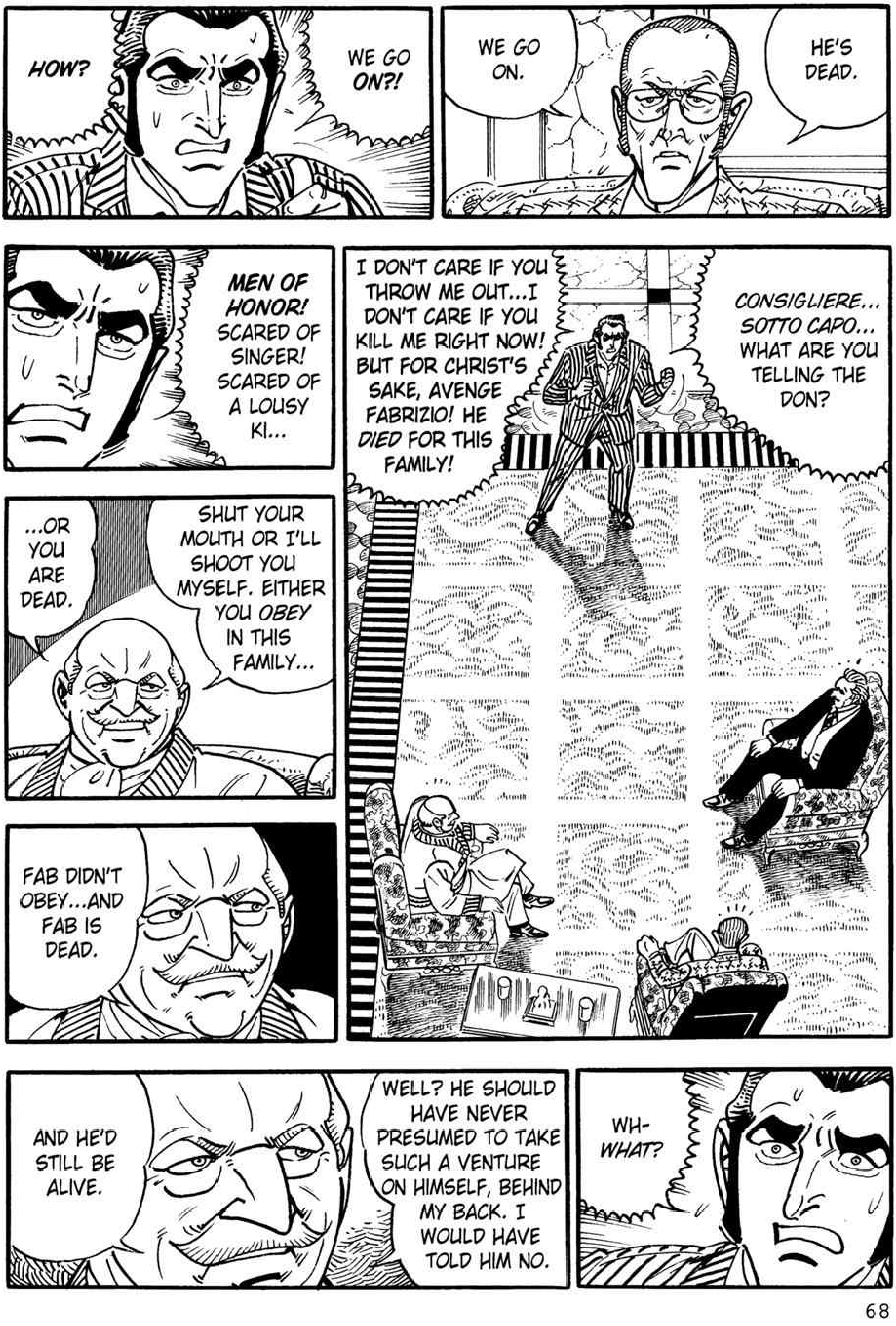
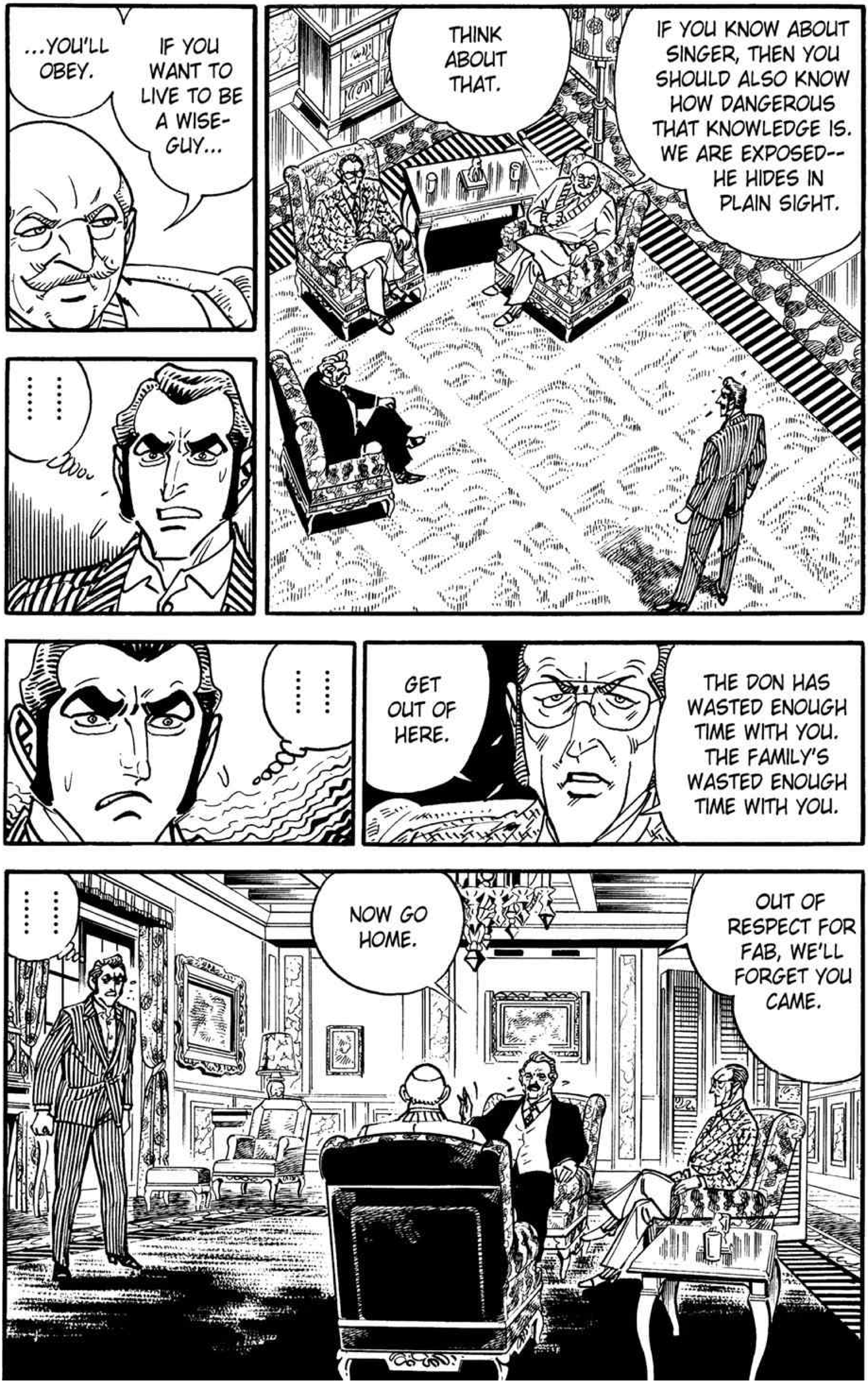

HE'S DEAD.
WE GO ON.
HOW?
WE GO ON?!
CONSIGLIERE... SOTTO CAPO... WHAT ARE YOU TELLING THE DON?
I DON'T CARE IF YOU THROW ME OUT...I DON'T CARE IF YOU KILL ME RIGHT NOW! BUT FOR CHRIST'S SAKE, AVENGE FABRIZIO! HE DIED FOR THIS FAMILY!
MEN OF HONOR! SCARED OF SINGER! SCARED OF A LOUSY KI...
SHUT YOUR MOUTH OR I'LL SHOOT YOU MYSELF. EITHER YOU OBEY IN THIS FAMILY...
...OR YOU ARE DEAD.
FAB DIDN'T OBEY...AND FAB IS DEAD.
WH- WHAT?
WELL? HE SHOULD HAVE NEVER PRESUMED TO TAKE SUCH A VENTURE ON HIMSELF, BEHIND MY BACK. I WOULD HAVE TOLD HIM NO.
AND HE'D STILL BE ALIVE.


IF YOU KNOW ABOUT SINGER, THEN YOU SHOULD ALSO KNOW HOW DANGEROUS THAT KNOWLEDGE IS. WE ARE EXPOSED-- HE HIDES IN PLAIN SIGHT.
THINK ABOUT THAT.
IF YOU WANT TO LIVE TO BE A WISE-GUY...
...YOU'LL OBEY.
......
THE DON HAS WASTED ENOUGH TIME WITH YOU. THE FAMILY'S WASTED ENOUGH TIME WITH YOU.
GET OUT OF HERE.
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OUT OF RESPECT FOR FAB, WE'LL FORGET YOU CAME.
NOW GO HOME.
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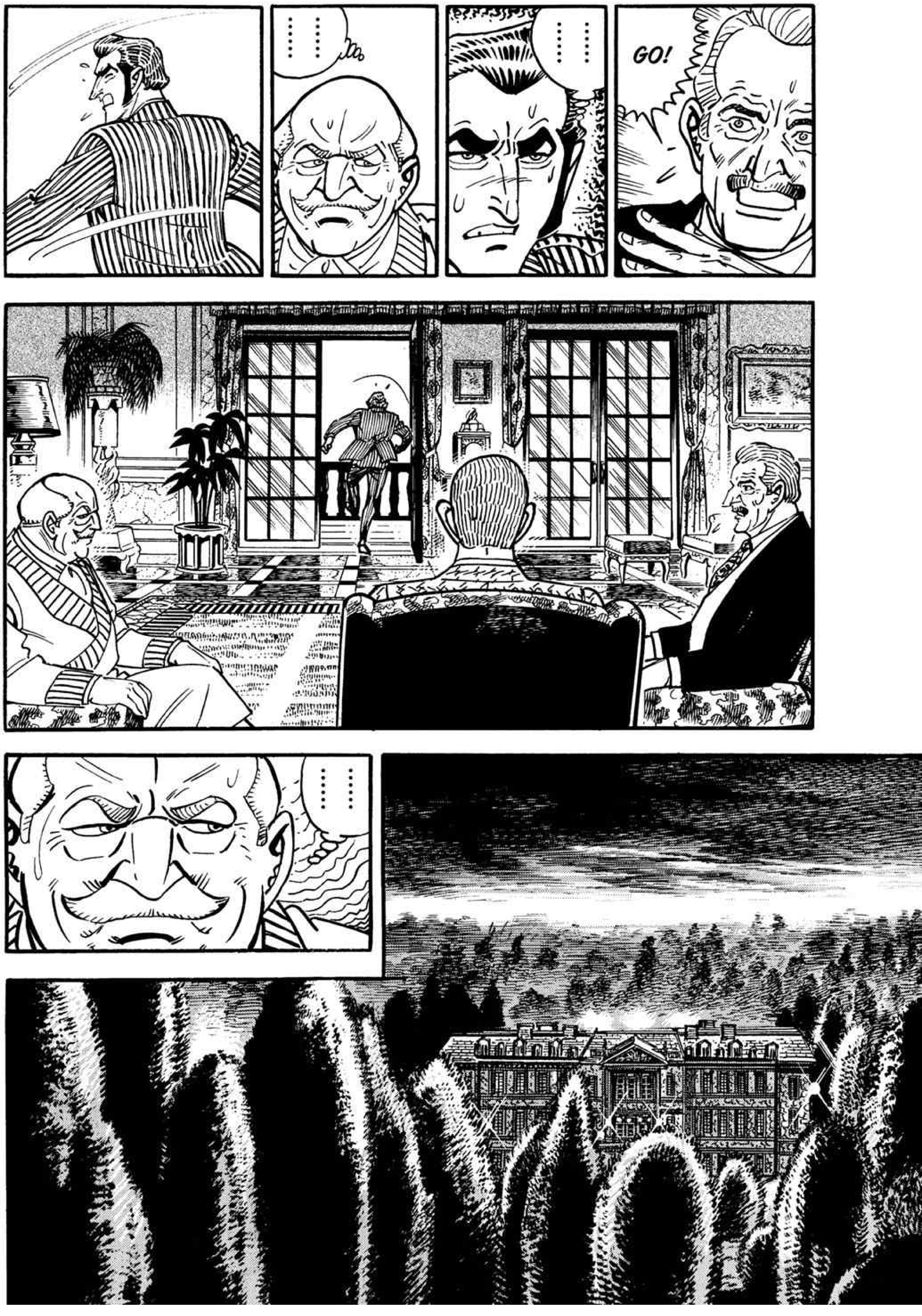
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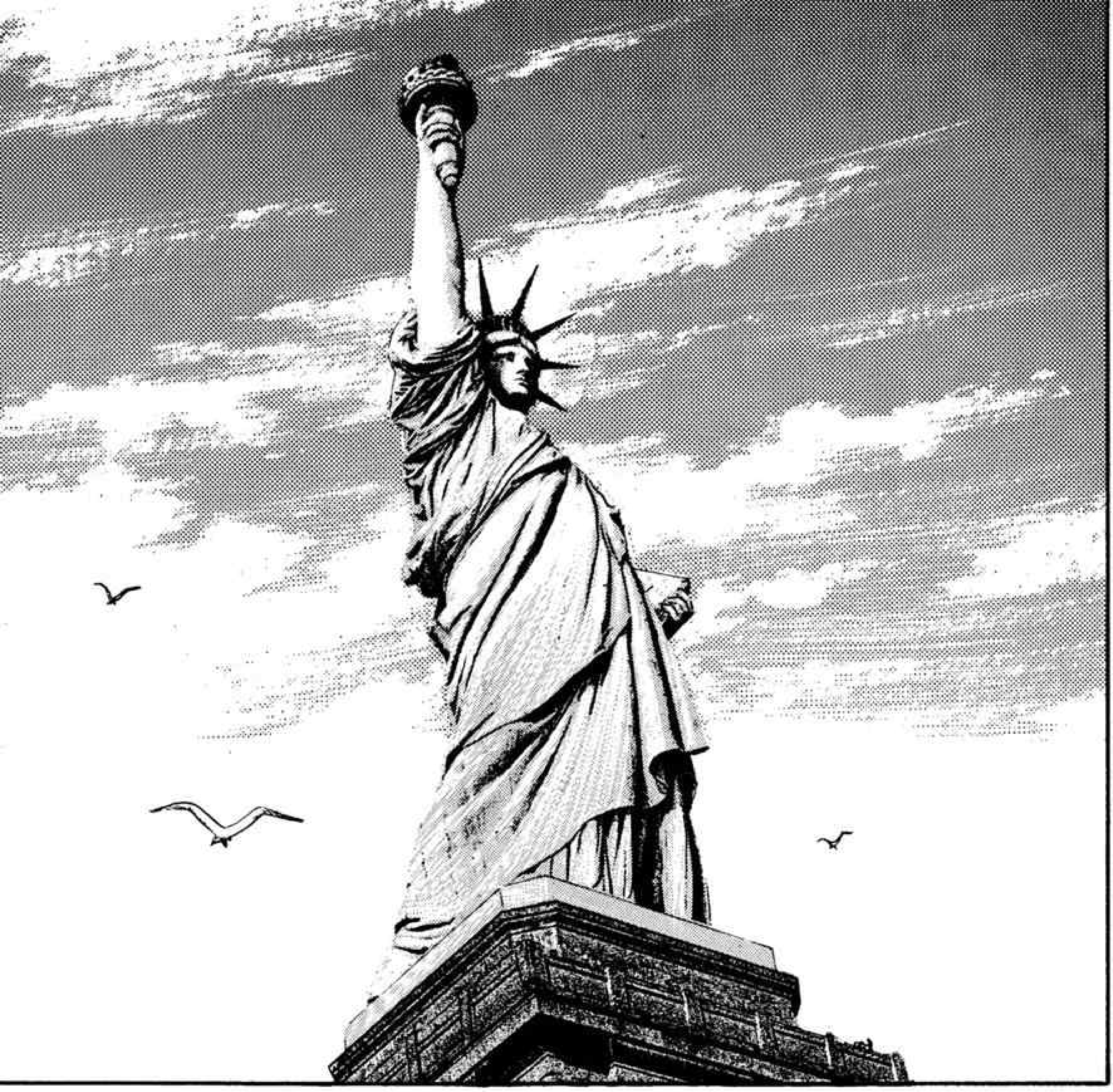
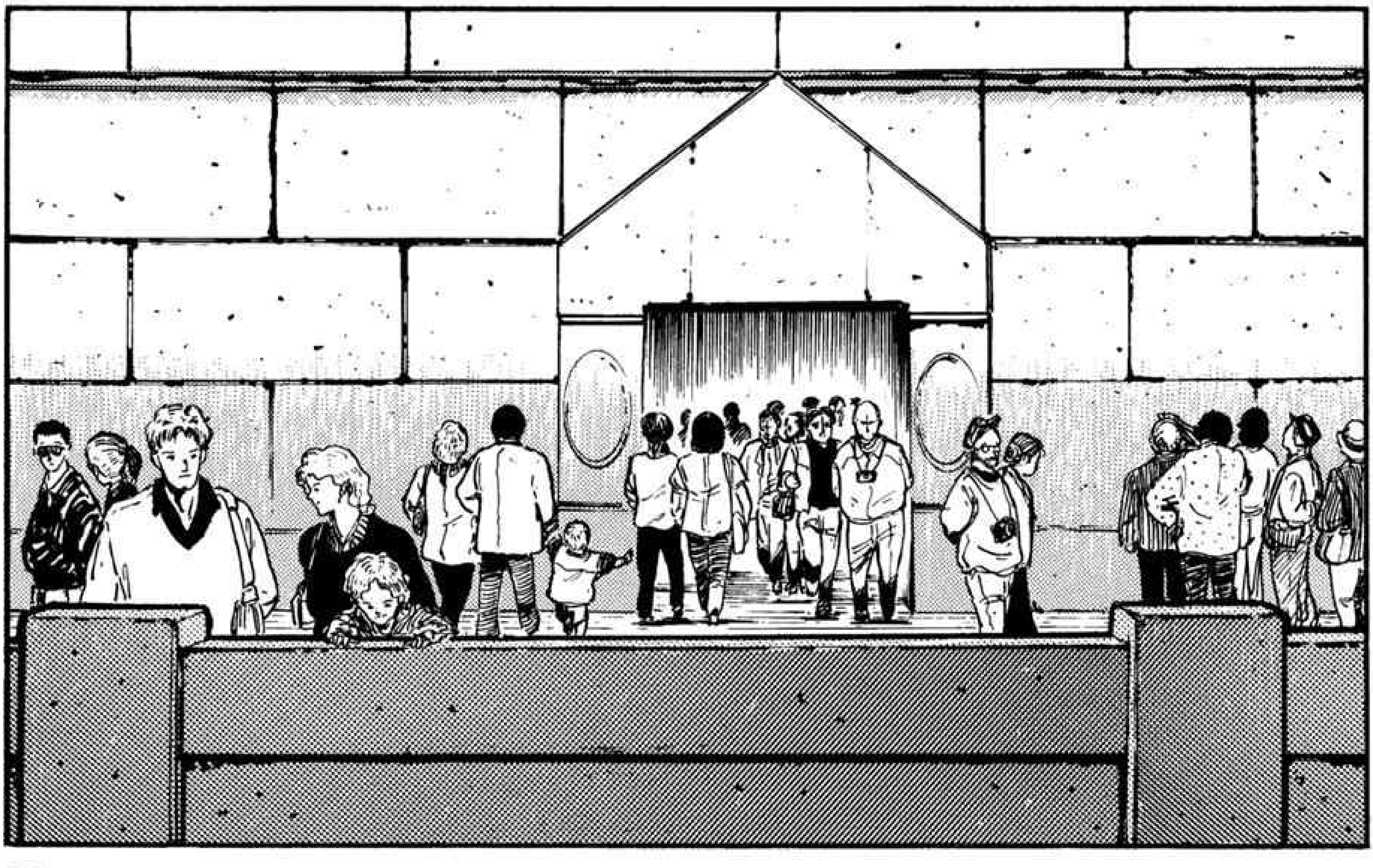
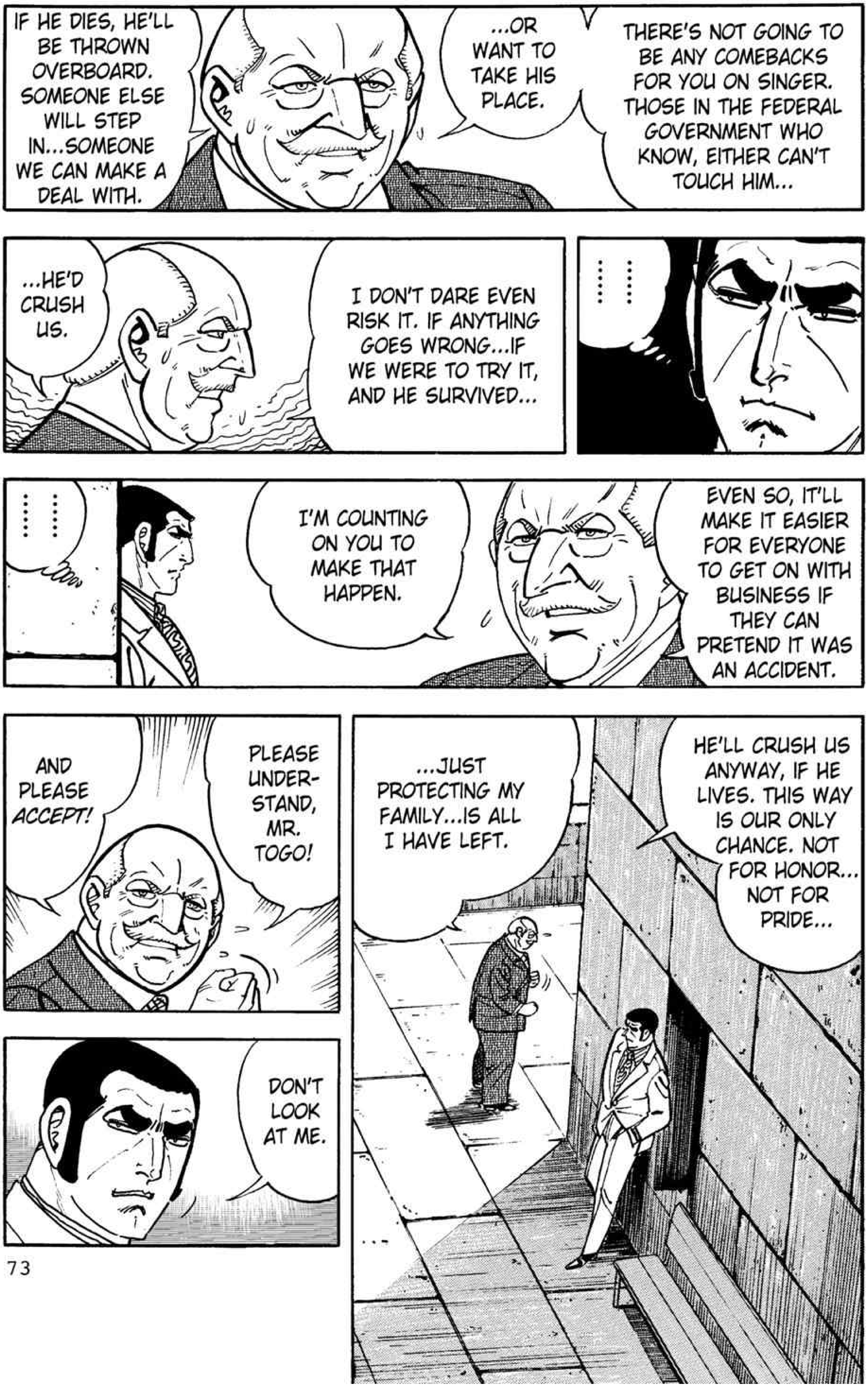


PART 11

CONDITIONS OF A KILL



I'VE MET A FEW JAPANESE BEFORE FROM THE *YAKUZA*... THEY'D BOUGHT SOME PROPERTY IN MIDTOWN. VERY POLITE PEOPLE, WE GOT ON WELL.
THEY WANTED TO LET ME KNOW THEY WEREN'T HERE TO INTERFERE WITH US...
SAID THEY'D JUST BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN IN TOWN...ANY JAPANESE VISITORS, OR TOURISTS...
ISN'T THAT PROPER, THOUGH?
PREYING ONLY ON YOUR OWN KIND?
I...
...I'M SORRY, MR. TOGO.


THERE'S NOT GOING TO BE ANY COMEBACKS FOR YOU ON SINGER. THOSE IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WHO KNOW, EITHER CAN'T TOUCH HIM...
...OR WANT TO TAKE HIS PLACE.
IF HE DIES, HE'LL BE THROWN OVERBOARD. SOMEONE ELSE WILL STEP IN...SOMEONE WE CAN MAKE A DEAL WITH.
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I DON'T DARE EVEN RISK IT. IF ANYTHING GOES WRONG...IF WE WERE TO TRY IT, AND HE SURVIVED...
...HE'D CRUSH US.
EVEN SO, IT'LL MAKE IT EASIER FOR EVERYONE TO GET ON WITH BUSINESS IF THEY CAN PRETEND IT WAS AN ACCIDENT.
I'M COUNTING ON YOU TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN.
......
HE'LL CRUSH US ANYWAY, IF HE LIVES. THIS WAY IS OUR ONLY CHANCE. NOT FOR HONOR... NOT FOR PRIDE...
...JUST PROTECTING MY FAMILY...IS ALL I HAVE LEFT.
...
PLEASE UNDER-STAND, MR. TOGO!
AND PLEASE *ACCEPT!*
DON'T LOOK AT ME.

IS THAT ALL?
......
I'M NOT SAYING I'VE KILLED AS MANY MEN AS YOU, MR. TOGO.
BUT THEY ADDED UP... THEY ADDED UP.
EVEN I FOOLED MYSELF A LITTLE WHEN I FIRST SAW HER MANY YEARS AGO, BUT...NO...
...I WAS NEVER ANY GOOD FOR THIS COUNTRY.
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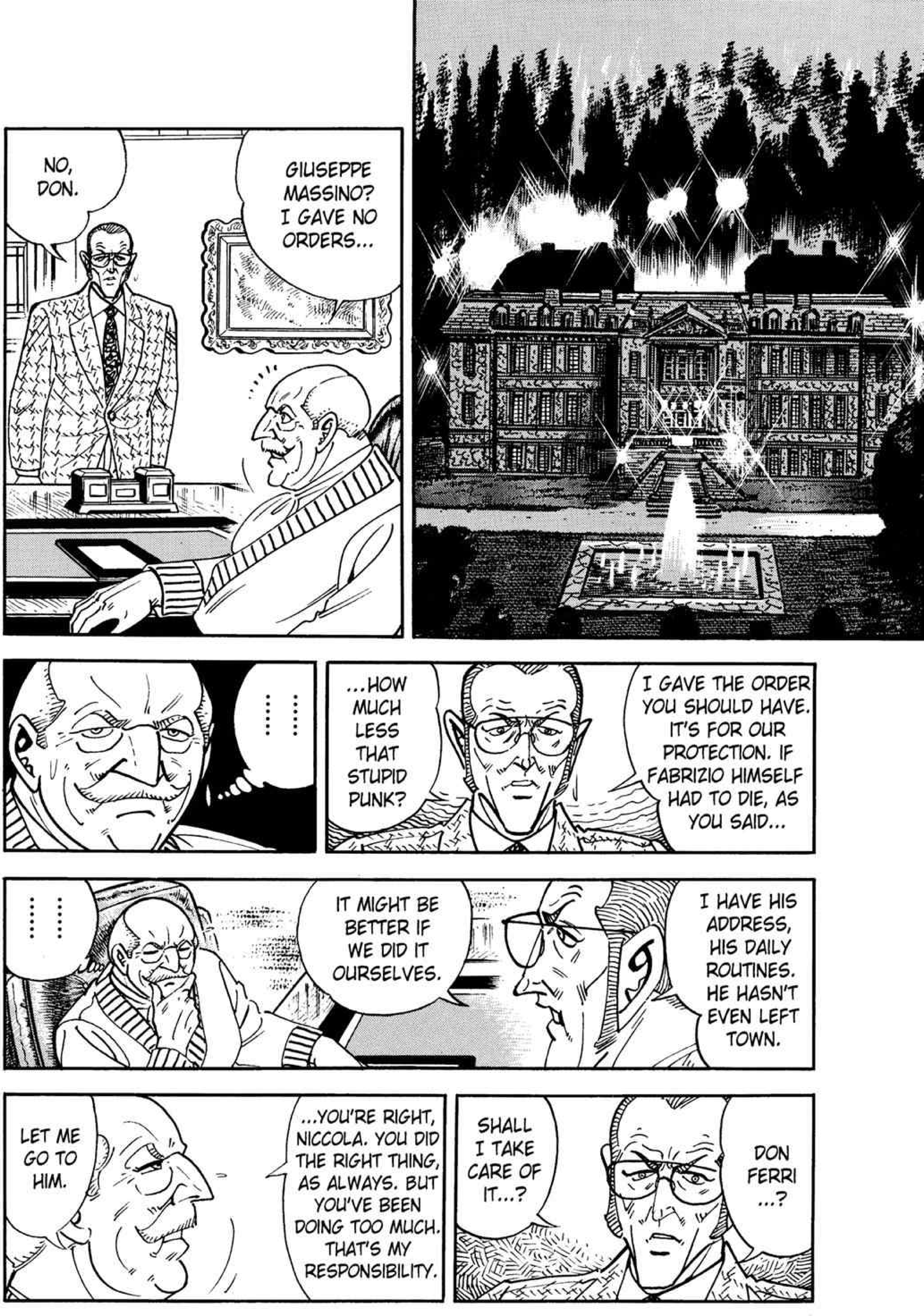
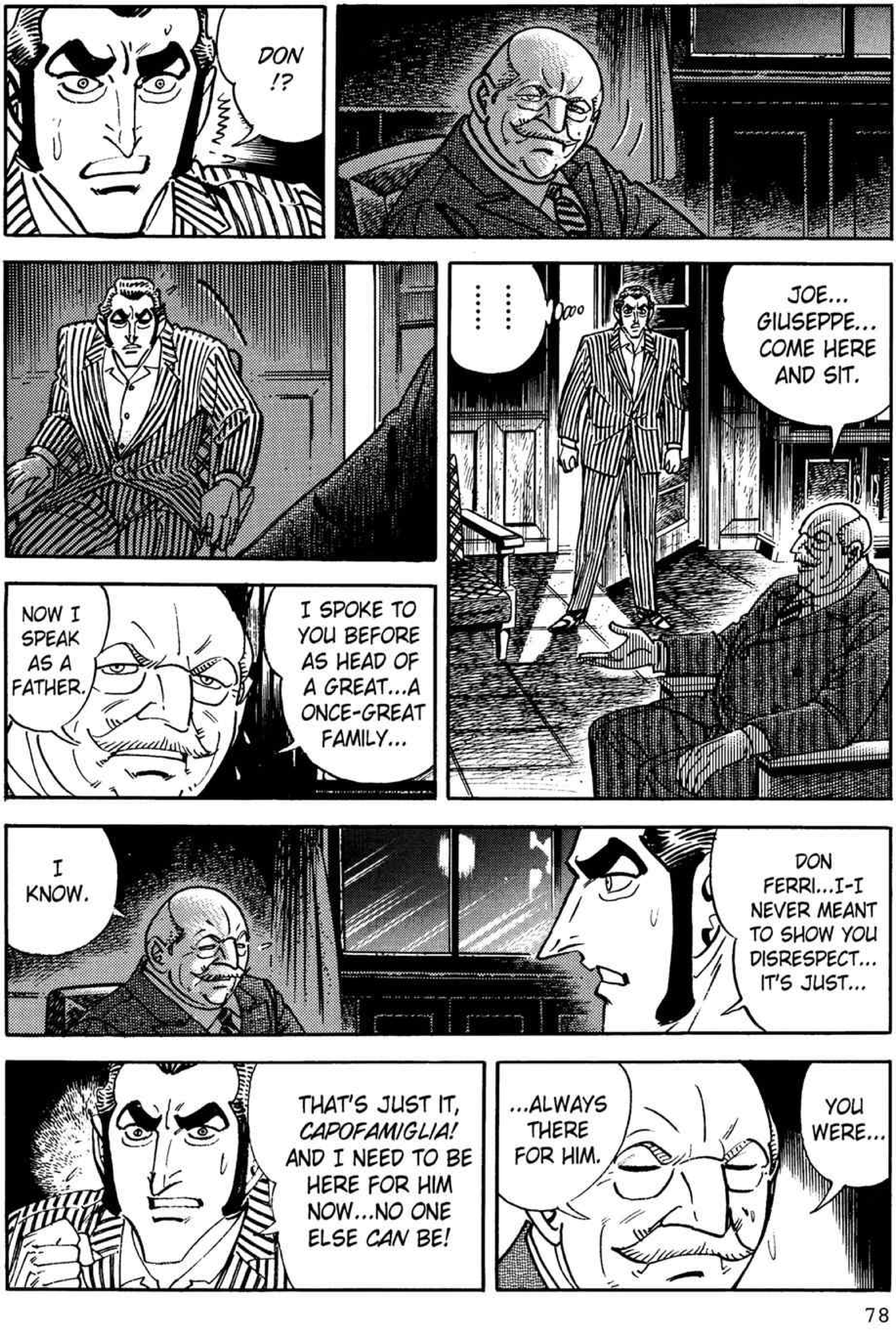
THIS GONNA WORK, JOE?
IT'LL DO JUST FINE, ALLIE.
THAT'S ALL I CAN DO, OKAY?...YOU CAN'T PROTECT YOURSELF WITH THAT...YOU KNOW THAT, DON'T YOU?
YEAH. I KNOW. LOOK, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
IT'S OFFICIAL... I'VE BEEN CROSSED OUT OF THE FAMILY. I'M AS GOOD AS DEAD.


GIUSEPPE MASSINO? I GAVE NO ORDERS...
NO, DON.
I GAVE THE ORDER YOU SHOULD HAVE. IT'S FOR OUR PROTECTION. IF FABRIZIO HIMSELF HAD TO DIE, AS YOU SAID...
...HOW MUCH LESS THAT STUPID PUNK?
......
I HAVE HIS ADDRESS, HIS DAILY ROUTINES. HE HASN'T EVEN LEFT TOWN.
IT MIGHT BE BETTER IF WE DID IT OURSELVES.
......
DON FERRI ...?
SHALL I TAKE CARE OF IT...?
...YOU'RE RIGHT, NICCOLA. YOU DID THE RIGHT THING, AS ALWAYS. BUT YOU'VE BEEN DOING TOO MUCH. THAT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY.
LET ME GO TO HIM.

CHAK
DON'T TOUCH THE LIGHTS.
IS THAT...


DON !?
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JOE... GIUSEPPE... COME HERE AND SIT.
I SPOKE TO YOU BEFORE AS HEAD OF A GREAT...A ONCE-GREAT FAMILY...
NOW I SPEAK AS A FATHER.
DON FERRI...I-I NEVER MEANT TO SHOW YOU DISRESPECT... IT'S JUST...
I KNOW.
YOU WERE...
...ALWAYS THERE FOR HIM.
THAT'S JUST IT, *CAPOFAMIGLIA!* AND I NEED TO BE HERE FOR HIM NOW...NO ONE ELSE *CAN* BE!

IT'S BETTER THIS WAY! EVERYONE KNOWS THERE'S A PRICE ON ME NOW...
A LOOSE CANNON, RIGHT? THE FERRIS DON'T WANT TROUBLE!
……
YOU *ARE* A DEAD MAN, YOU KNOW. SO WHEN...
48 HOURS, DON! THAT'S ALL I NEED!
I GOT IT ALL FIGURED OUT! HE'S GOING TO BE AT THE SAN GENNARO FESTIVAL! HE SHOWS UP EVERY YEAR... RIGHT...?
I'M GOOD WITH A PIECE, DON! YOU KNOW THAT! ALL I NEED IS A SECOND TO STEP OUT OF THE CROWD, AND...
...AND... I'LL BE DONE!
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GOOD-BYE.
I HEARD NOTHING TONIGHT.
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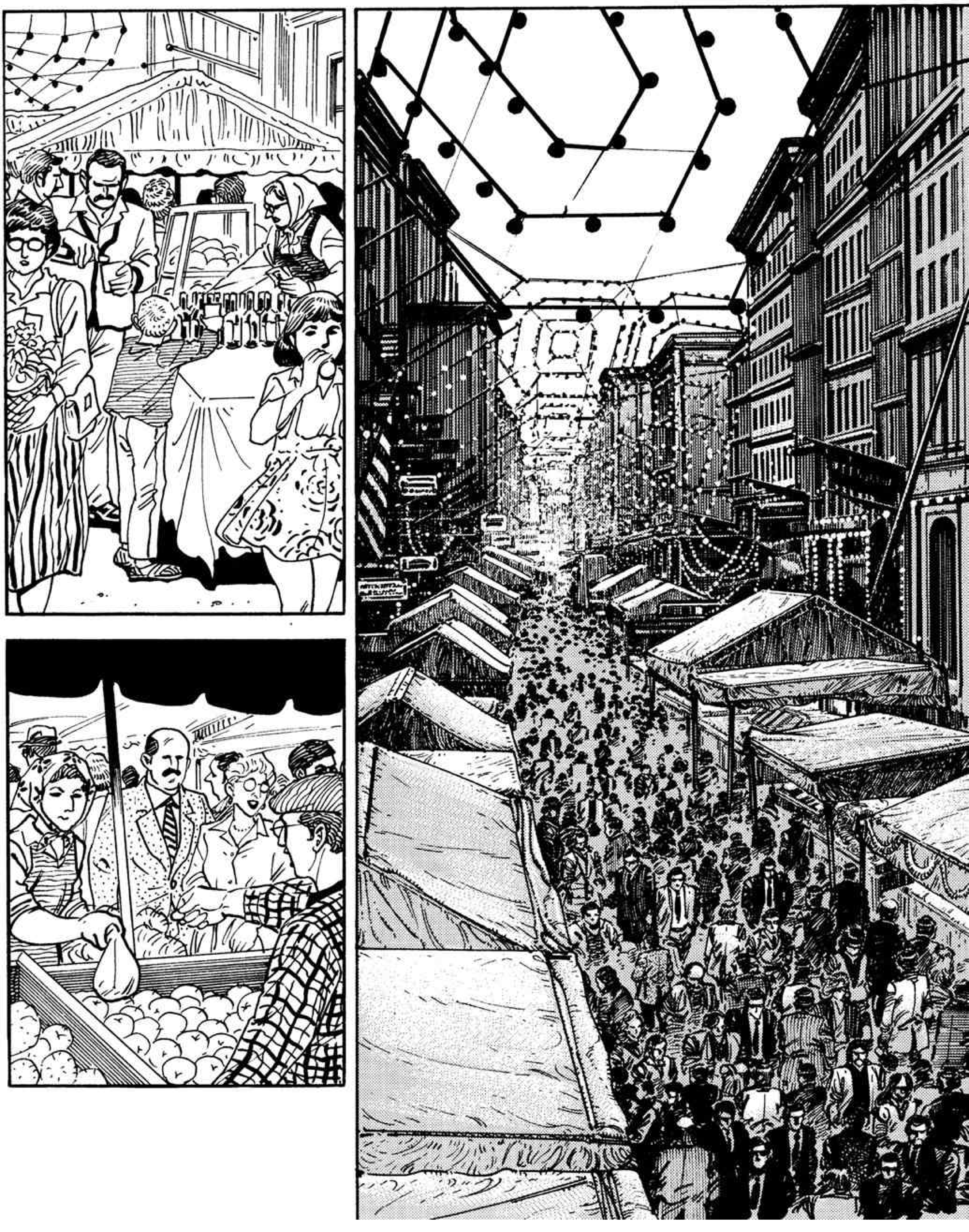
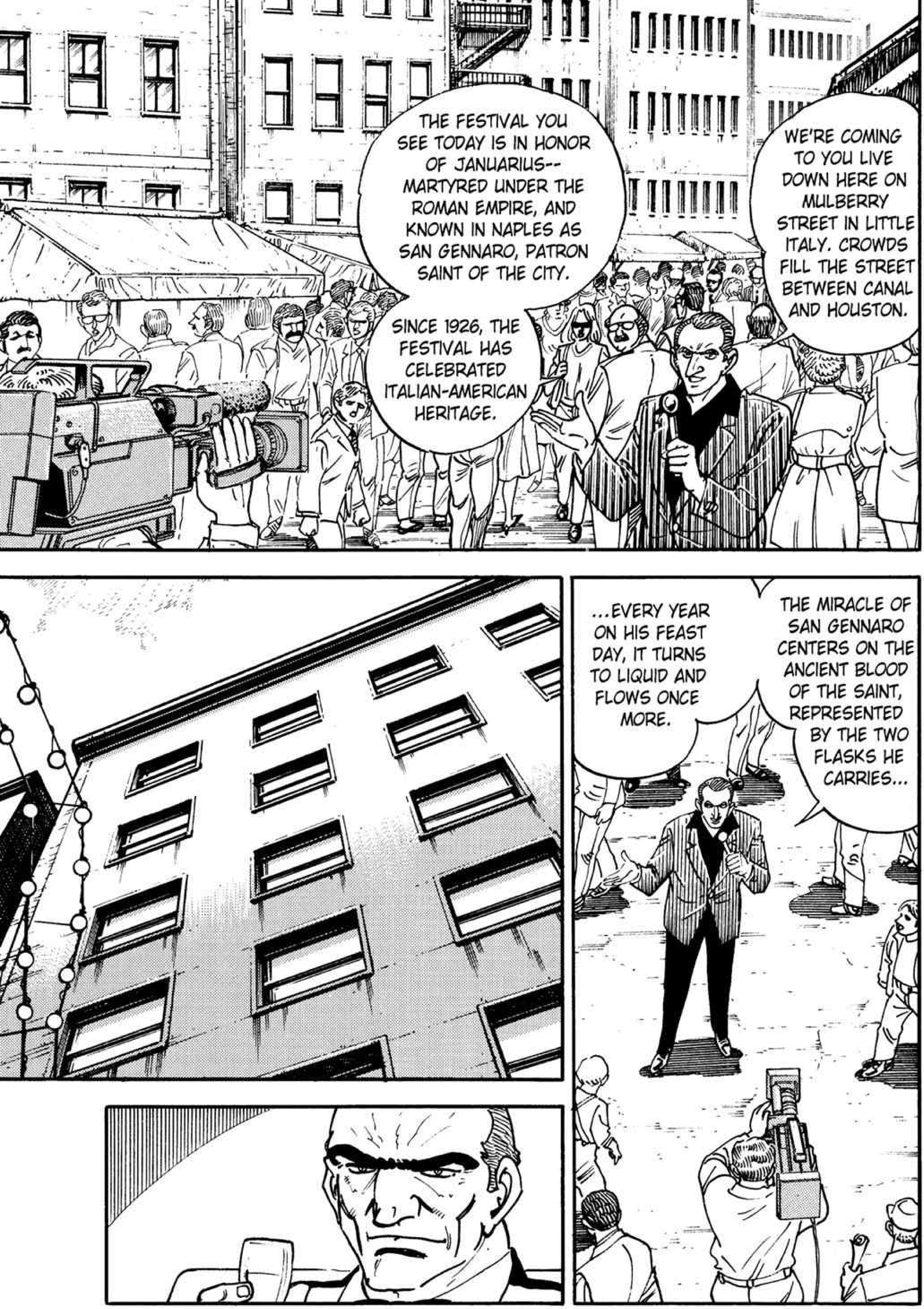
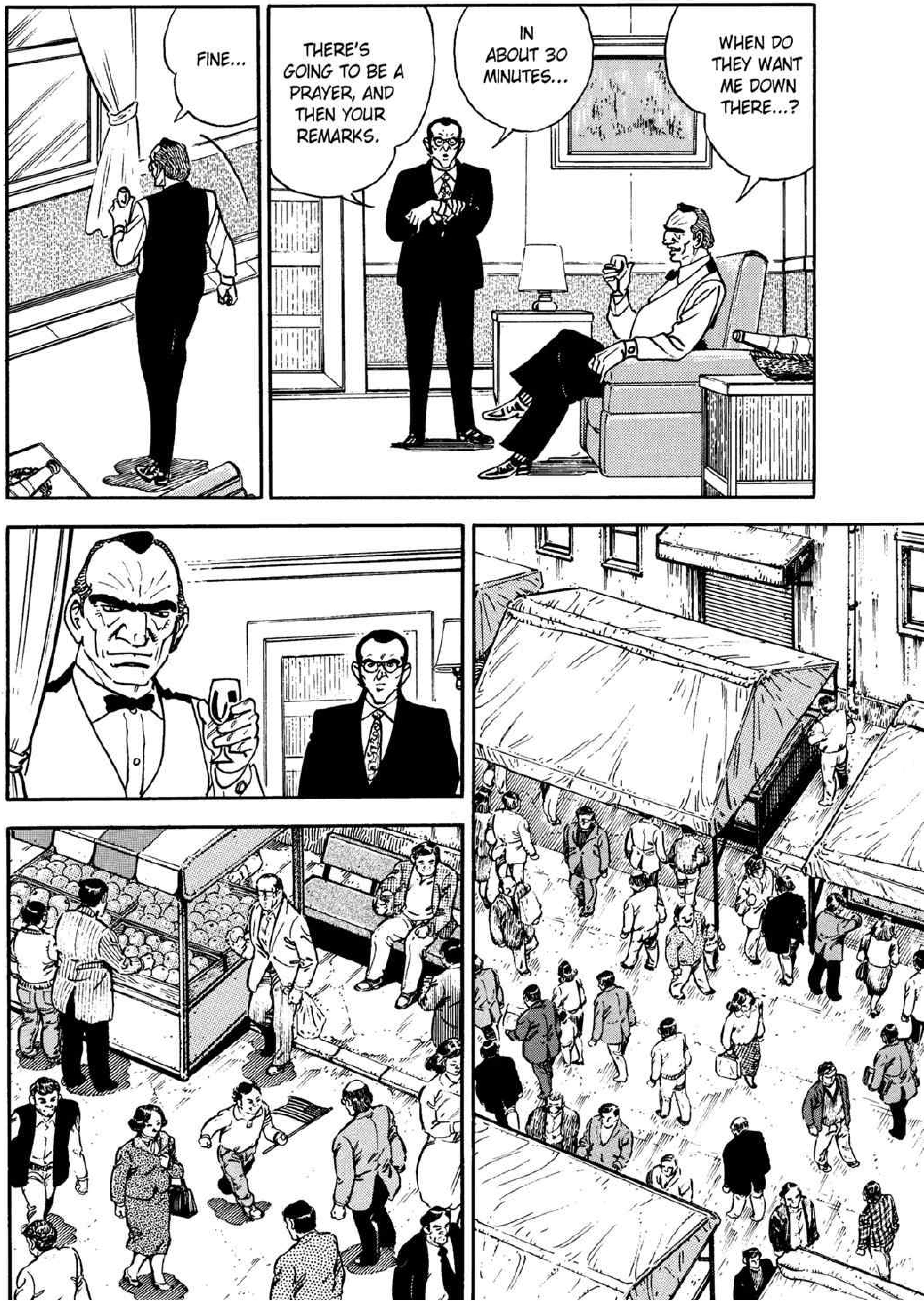
PART 12 THE FEAST OF SAN GENNARO




WE'RE COMING TO YOU LIVE DOWN HERE ON MULBERRY STREET IN LITTLE ITALY. CROWDS FILL THE STREET BETWEEN CANAL AND HOUSTON.
THE FESTIVAL YOU SEE TODAY IS IN HONOR OF JANUARIUS--MARTYRED UNDER THE ROMAN EMPIRE, AND KNOWN IN NAPLES AS SAN GENNARO, PATRON SAINT OF THE CITY.
SINCE 1926, THE FESTIVAL HAS CELEBRATED ITALIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE.
THE MIRACLE OF SAN GENNARO CENTERS ON THE ANCIENT BLOOD OF THE SAINT, REPRESENTED BY THE TWO FLASKS HE CARRIES...
...EVERY YEAR ON HIS FEAST DAY, IT TURNS TO LIQUID AND FLOWS ONCE MORE.


WHEN DO THEY WANT ME DOWN THERE...?
IN ABOUT 30 MINUTES...
THERE'S GOING TO BE A PRAYER, AND THEN YOUR REMARKS.
FINE...

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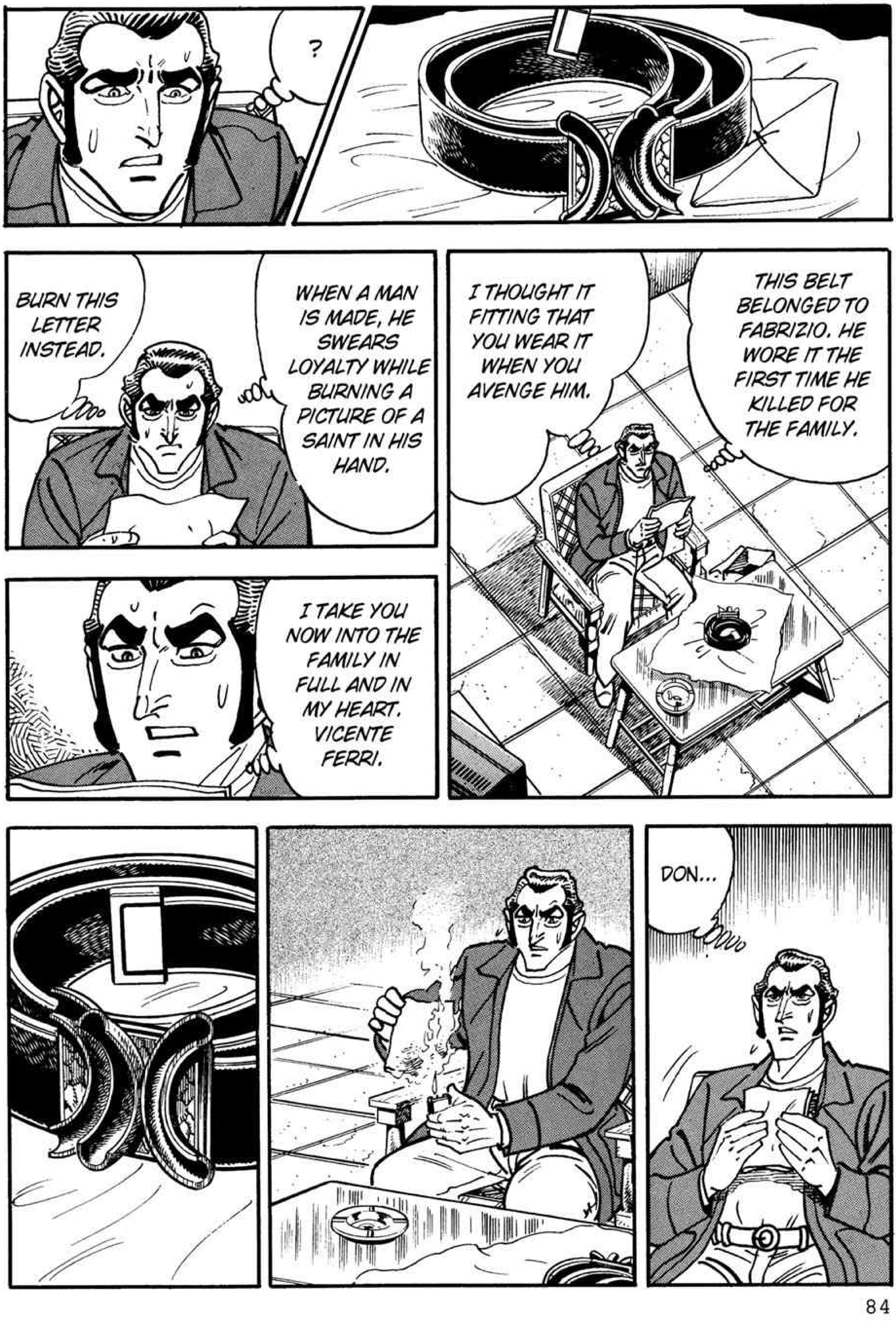
GIUSEPPE, UN PACCO.
AH, GRAZIE.
THNK
?
kkkk...pp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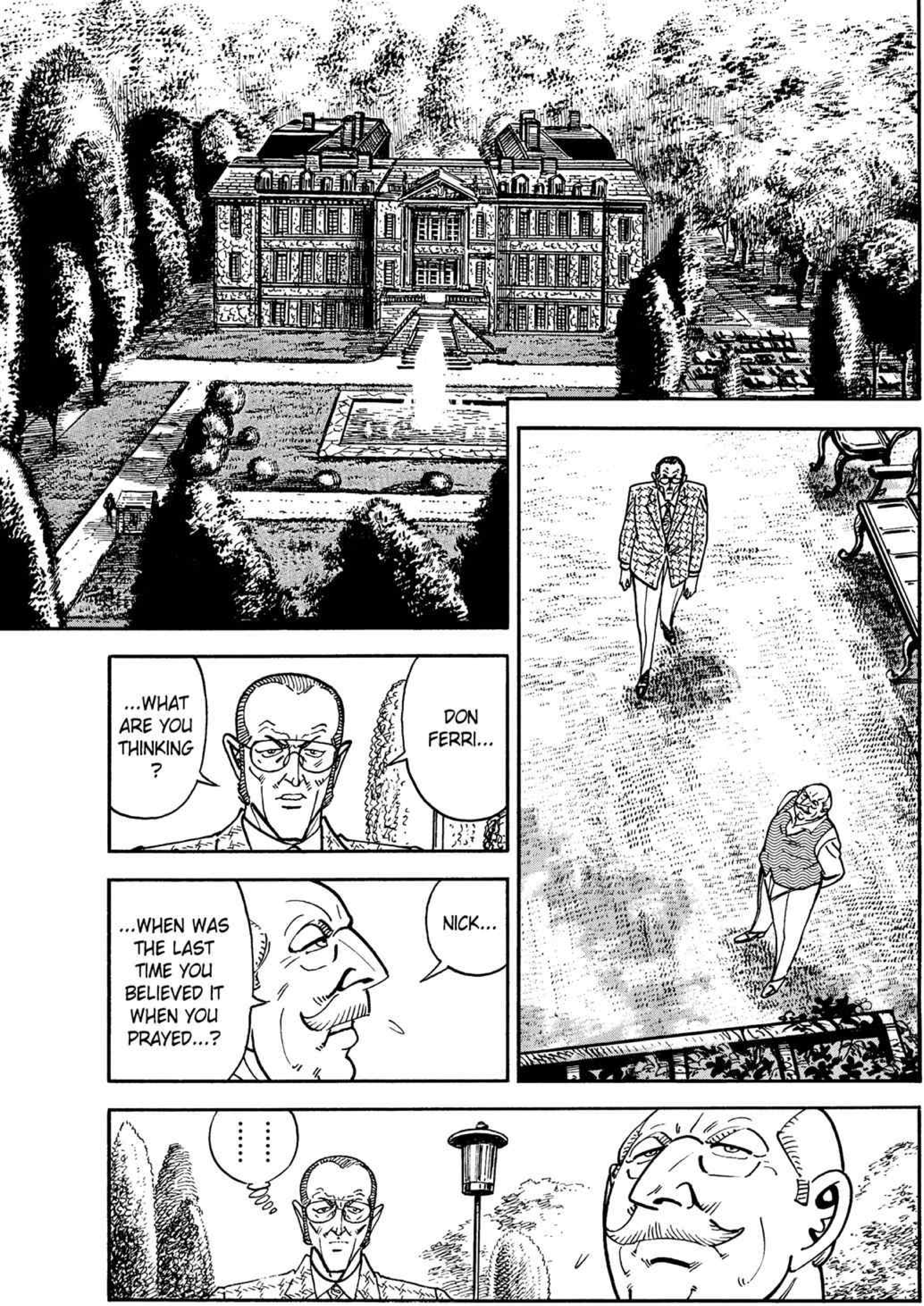
THIS BELT BELONGED TO FABRIZIO. HE WORE IT THE FIRST TIME HE KILLED FOR THE FAMILY.
I THOUGHT IT FITTING THAT YOU WEAR IT WHEN YOU AVENGE HIM.
WHEN A MAN IS MADE, HE SWEARS LOYALTY WHILE BURNING A PICTURE OF A SAINT IN HIS HAND.
BURN THIS LETTER INSTEAD.
I TAKE YOU NOW INTO THE FAMILY IN FULL AND IN MY HEART. VICENTE FERRI.
DON...


DON FERRI...
...WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?
NICK...
...WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU BELIEVED IT WHEN YOU PRAYED...?
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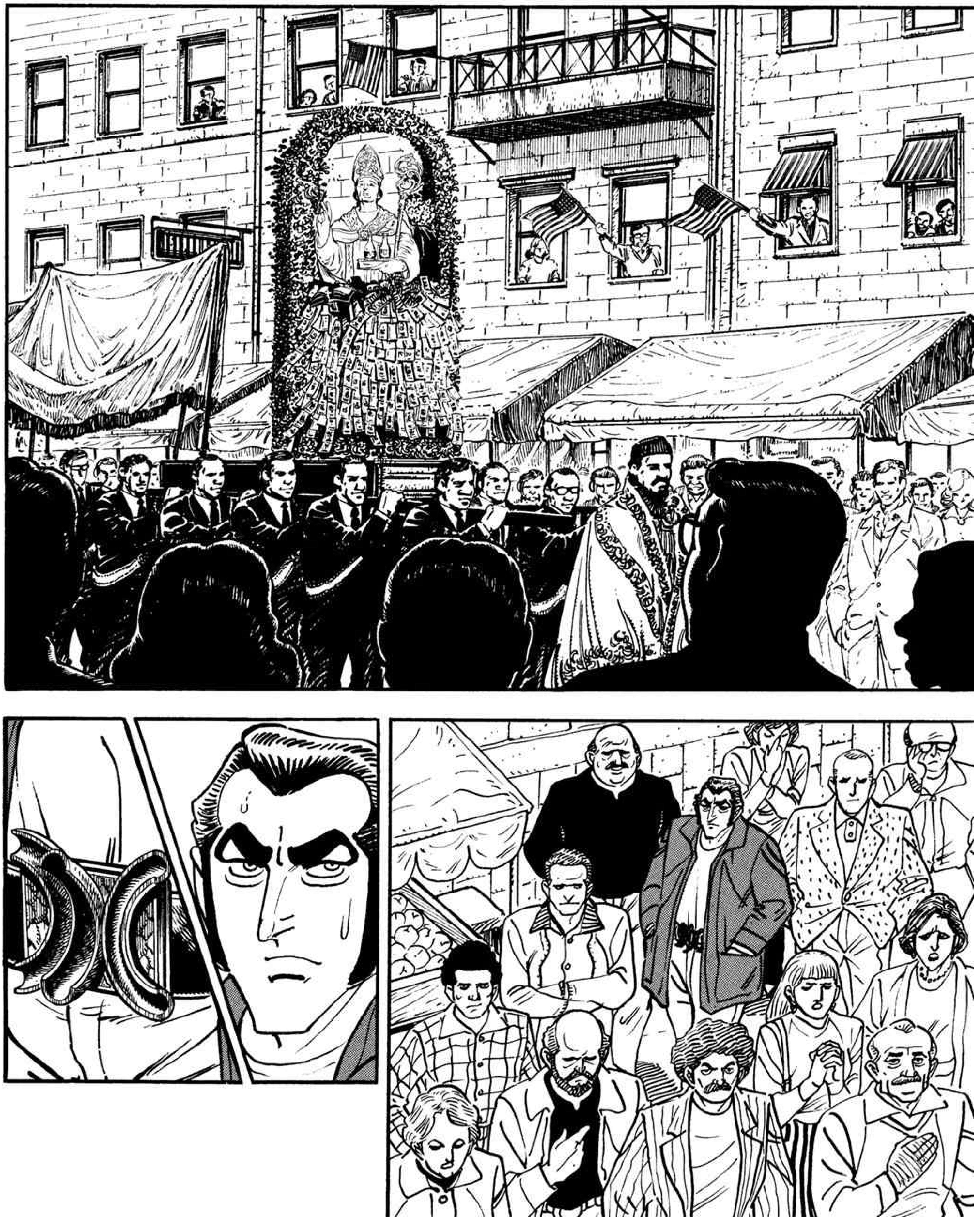
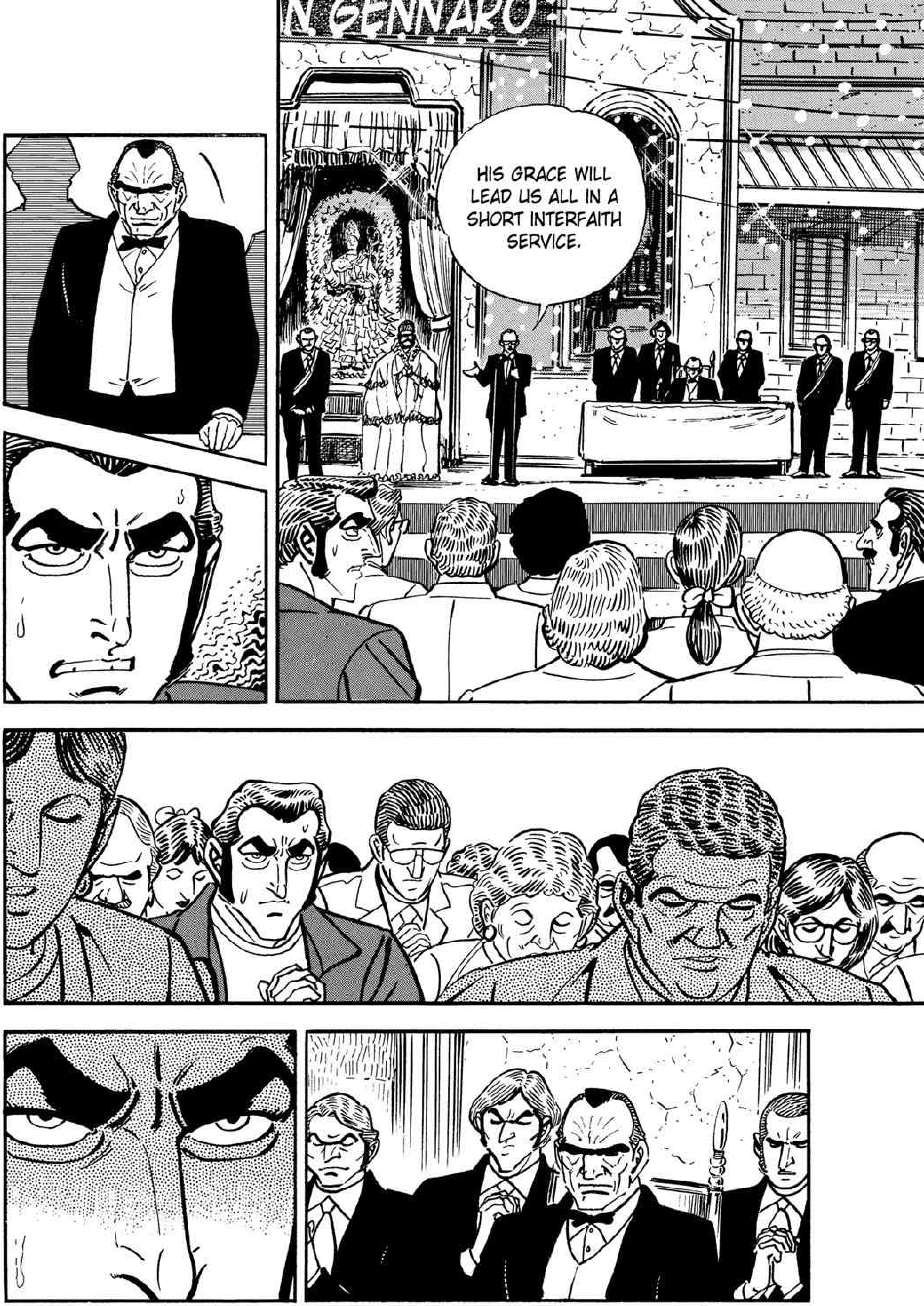
PART 13

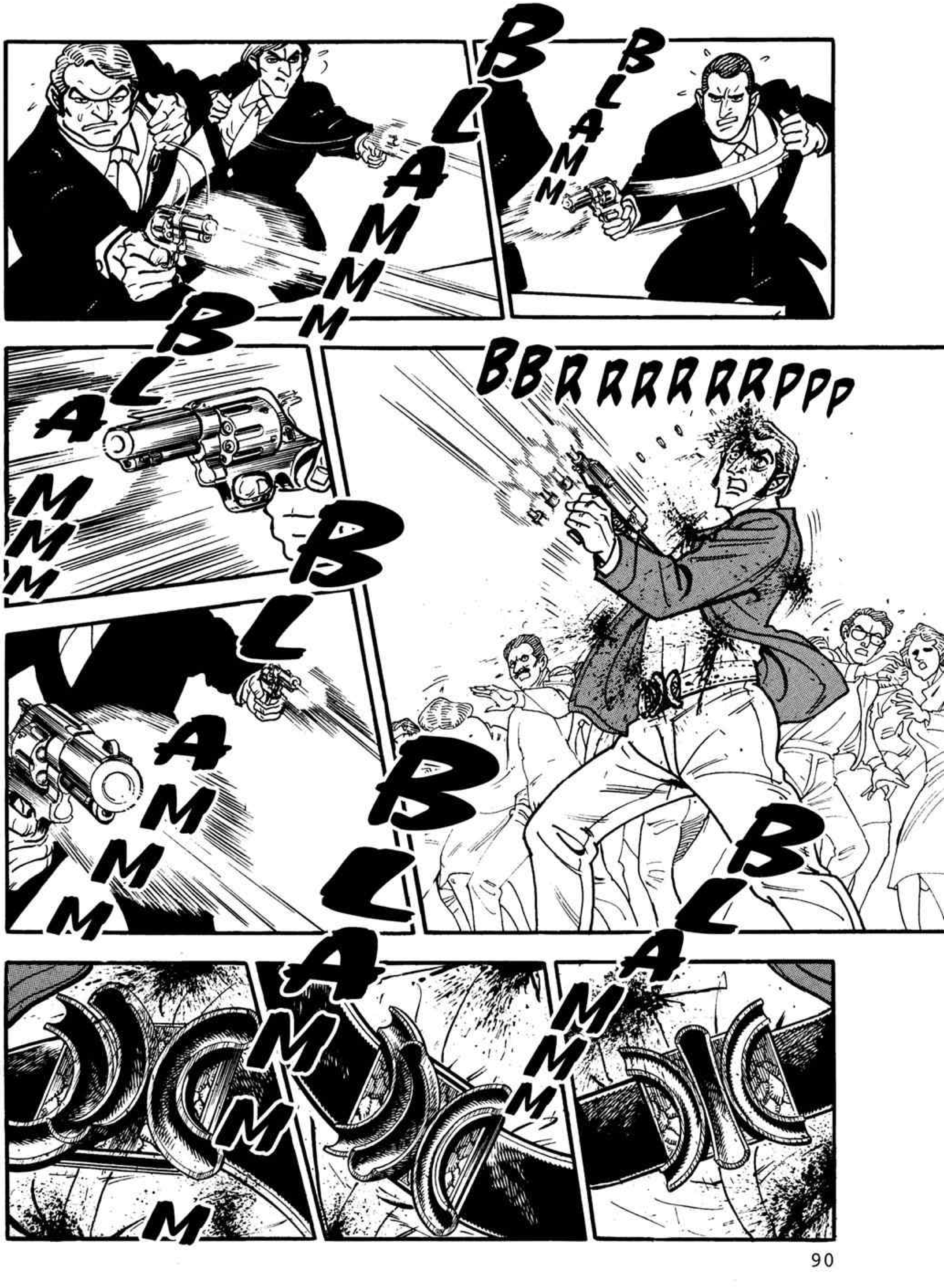
PER PROTEGGERE LA MIA FAMIGLIA



SAN GENNARO
ONCE AGAIN ...
...WELCOMING OUR DISTINGUISHED GUEST AND LONG-TIME FRIEND TO THE COMMUNITY, SENATOR DAVID SINGER.


N GENNARO
HIS GRACE WILL LEAD US ALL IN A SHORT INTERFAITH SERVICE.

?
THIS IS FOR FAB!
CHAK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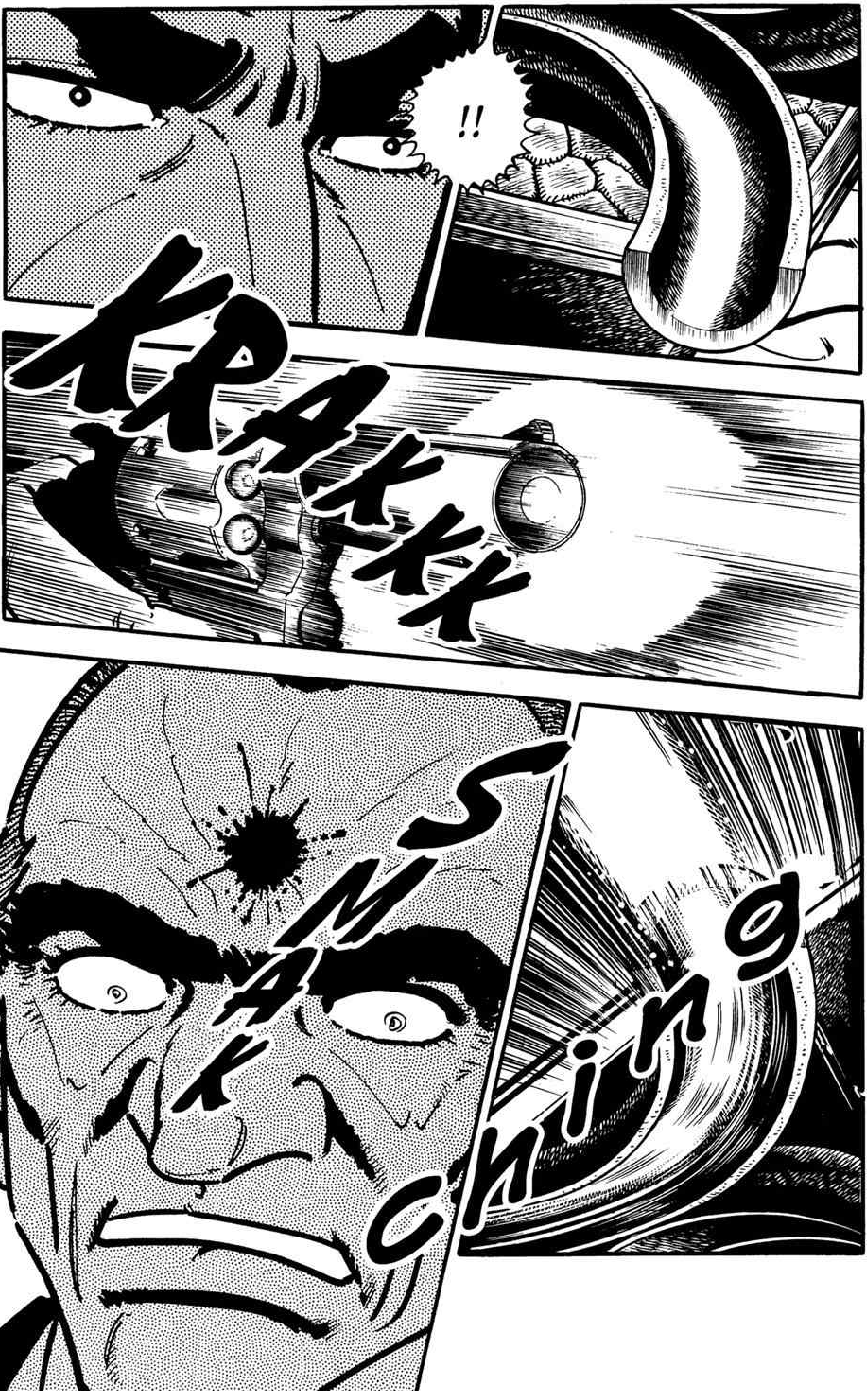
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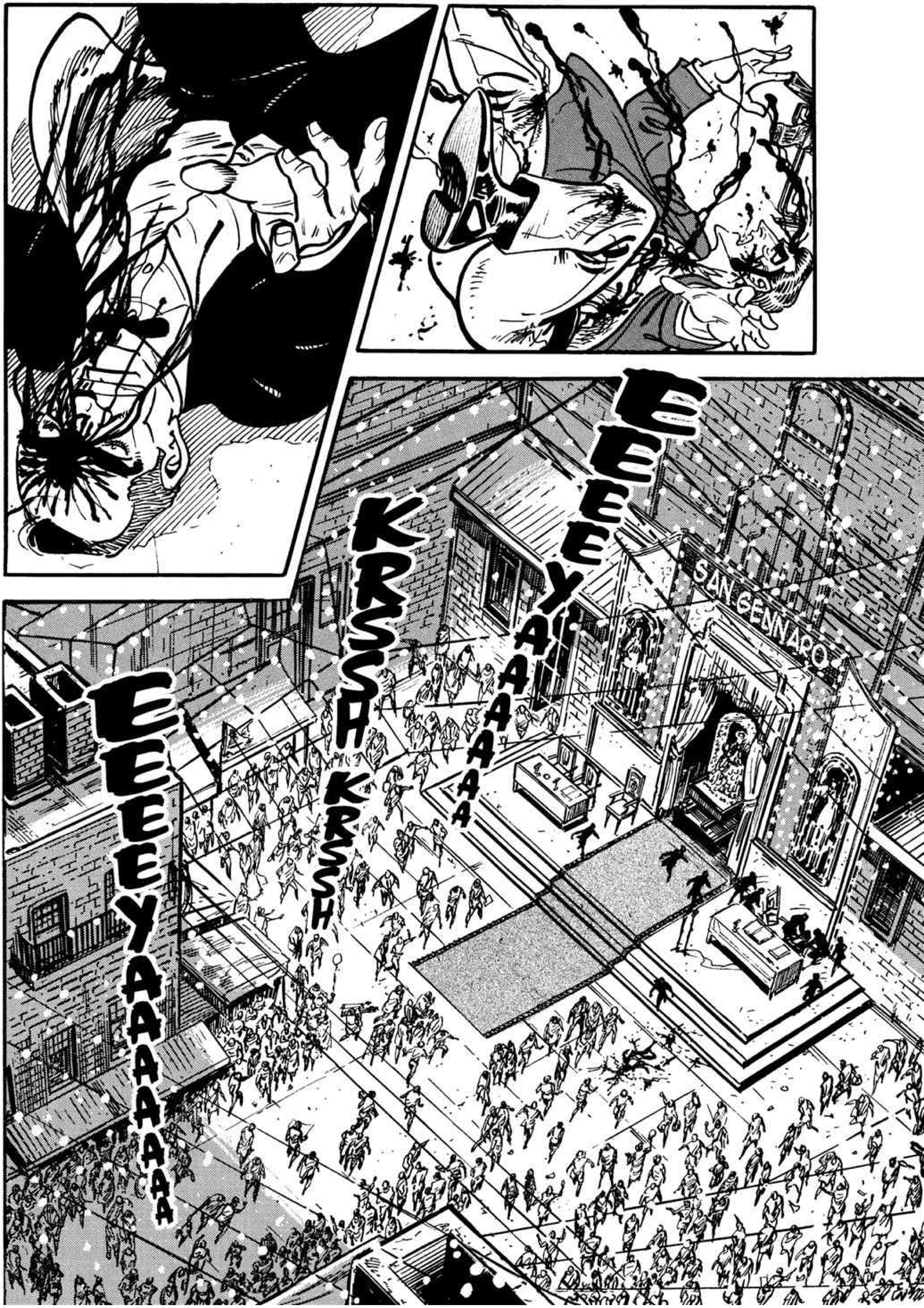
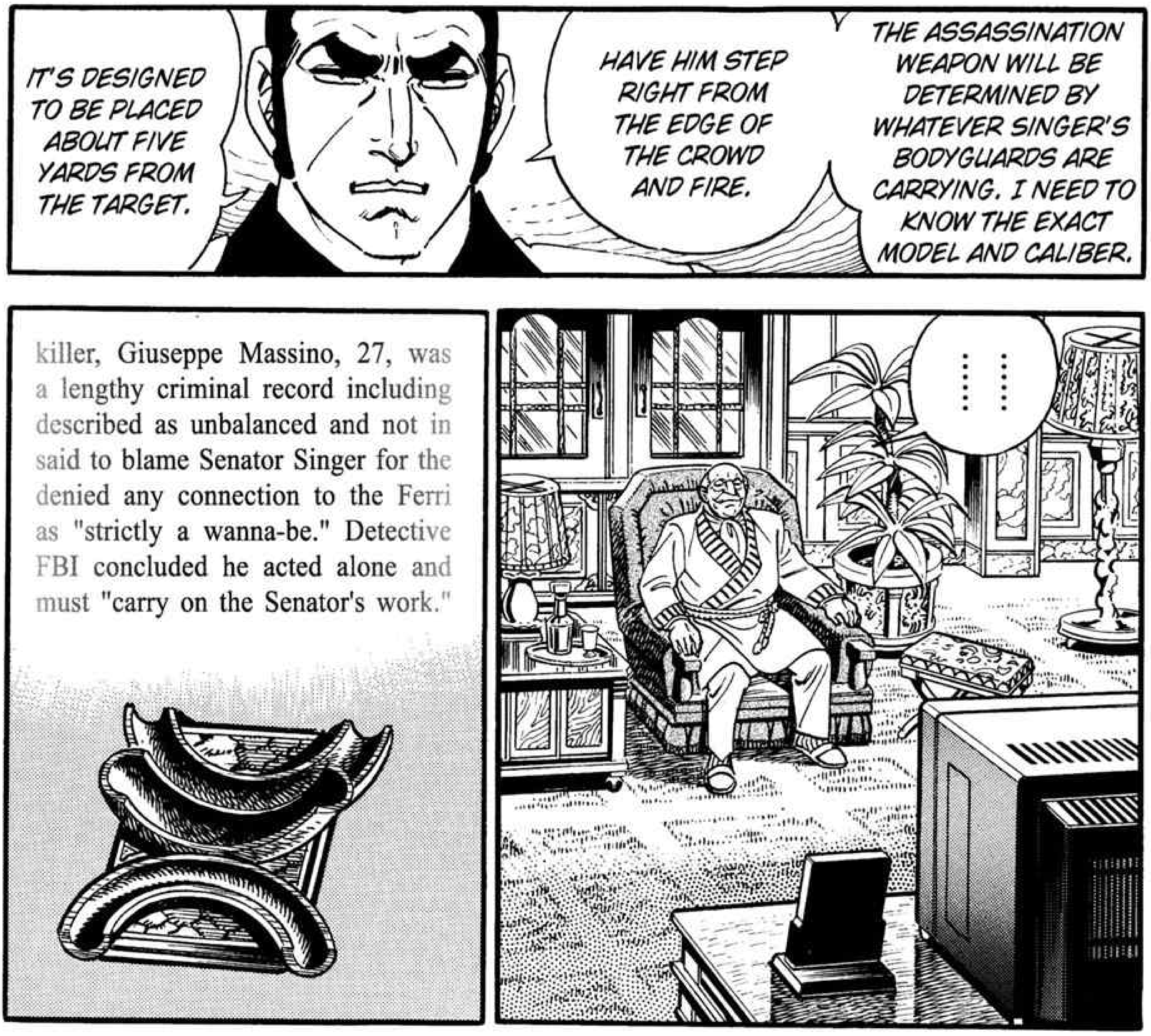
KRAKKK
SMAKK
Ching


SAN GENNARO
EEEEYAAAAAAA
KRSSH KRSSH
EEEEYAAAAAAAAA

...an occasion for ethnic pride that last year raised a million dollars for charity.
Most disheartening is how the shadow of Mafia violence fell upon the festival...
...with the events of last month still fresh in the memory of the people we talked to here.
Speaking in Washington today, FBI Executive Assistant Director Franks, who had worked closely with the Senator on organized crime, said that now that Singer was gone, he "must...
Ironically, none of the assassin's bullets hit the Senator. The investigation determined he was shot accidentally by his own bodyguards.
...HAVE HIM WEAR IT.
THIS BELT...
...


IT'S DESIGNED TO BE PLACED ABOUT FIVE YARDS FROM THE TARGET.
HAVE HIM STEP RIGHT FROM THE EDGE OF THE CROWD AND FIRE.
THE ASSASSINATION WEAPON WILL BE DETERMINED BY WHATEVER SINGER'S BODYGUARDS ARE CARRYING. I NEED TO KNOW THE EXACT MODEL AND CALIBER.
……
……

killer, Giuseppe Massino, 27, was
a lengthy criminal record including
described as unbalanced and not in
said to blame Senator Singer for the
denied any connection to the Ferri
as "strictly a wanna-be." Detective
FBI concluded he acted alone and
must "carry on the Senator's work."

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